

Regenerative Medicine and Cell Therapies:

An Overview of Clinical Trials in the United States

Regenerative Medicine and Cell Therapies (RMCTs) Show Promise for Patients with Serious and Life-Threatening Conditions

There are more than 850 active clinical trials in the United States that are exploring the use of regenerative medicine and cell therapies (RMCTs) for patients with serious and life-threatening conditions. Cancer is the most prevalent condition being studied, representing 51 percent of all active clinical studies, followed by musculoskeletal conditions (10 percent), neurological conditions (6 percent), cardiovascular conditions (5 percent), COVID-19 (5 percent), and eye-related conditions (4 percent).

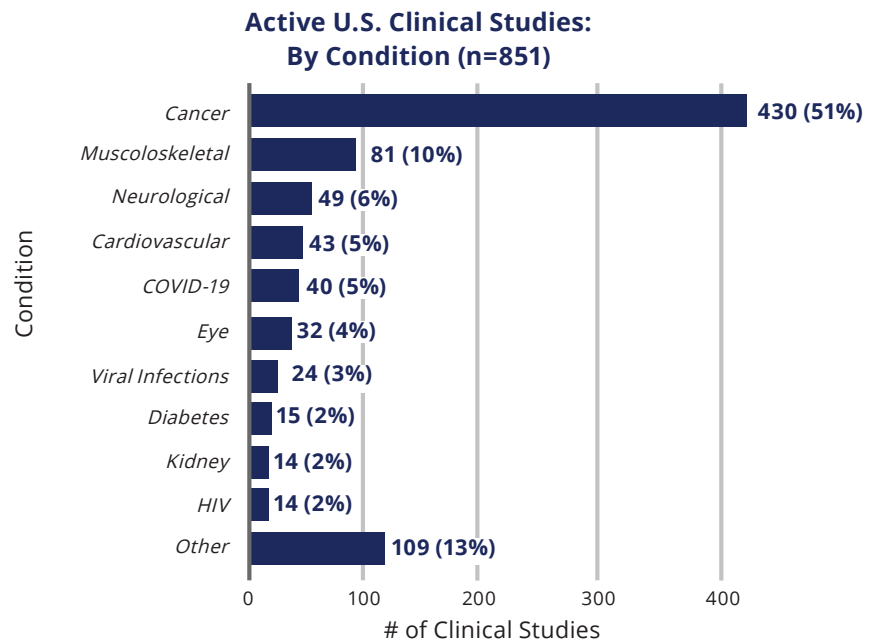
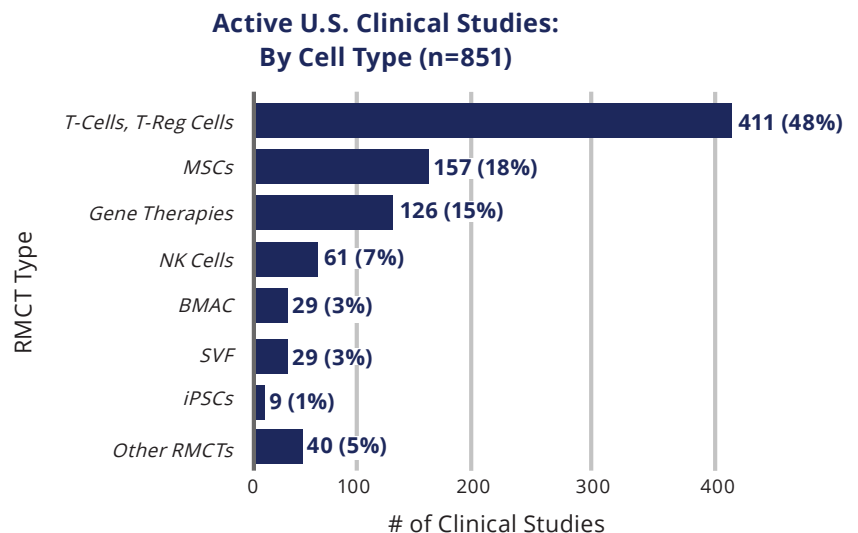


Figure 1. Number of Active Clinical Studies Exploring Use of RMCTs in U.S., by Condition

There are Many Different Types of RMCTs

There are many different types of RMCTs. The majority of studies being conducted today explore the use of T-cells and T-Reg cells (48 percent), primarily for cancer. Many clinical studies are also exploring the use of mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) (18 percent), gene therapies (15 percent), and natural killer (NK) cells (7 percent) for various conditions. Studies exploring the use of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs), bone marrow aspirate concentrate (BMAC), and stromal vascular fraction (SVF) are also being conducted.



Some clinical studies can explore the use of multiple RMCT types, therefore percentages can add up to more than 100%

Figure 2. Number of U.S. Clinical Studies Exploring Use of RMCTs, by Type

MSCs and Gene Therapies Show Promise for Patients in Need

While cancer is the focus of nearly all clinical studies involving T-cells, T-Reg cells, and Natural Killer cells, studies exploring the use of MSCs are focused on musculoskeletal conditions (20 percent), COVID-19 (17 percent), neurological conditions (15 percent), and cardiovascular disease (11 percent).

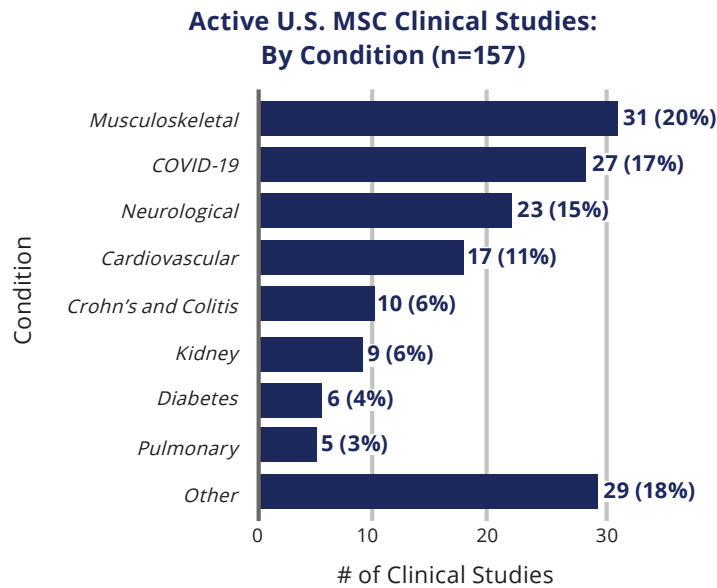


Figure 3. Number of Active Clinical Studies Exploring Use of MSCs in U.S., by Condition

Clinical studies exploring the use of gene therapies are focused on cancer (19 percent), eye-related conditions (17 percent), neurological conditions (15 percent), cardiovascular conditions (11 percent), and musculoskeletal conditions (8 percent).

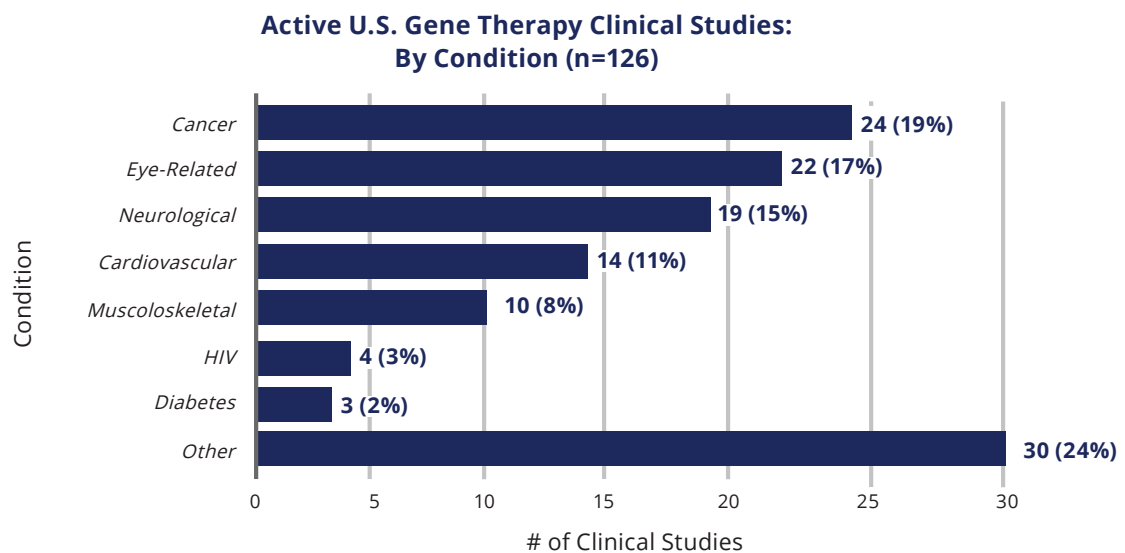


Figure 4. Number of Active Gene Therapy Clinical Studies in U.S., by Condition

Vast Majority of Active U.S. Clinical Trials are Early Phase Trials

Of the 851 active clinical studies exploring the use of RMCTs in the United States, 754 are clinical trials. Ninety-seven percent of all active U.S. clinical trials are either Phase 1 or Phase 2 trials. Similarly, 94 percent of the 130 active U.S. clinical trials exploring the use of MSCs are either Phase 1 or Phase 2 trials. While results of early clinical studies are promising, the primary barrier to advancing such therapies is the significant cost of conducting large-scale, randomized clinical trials, which are a precursor to bringing safe and effective therapies to patients.

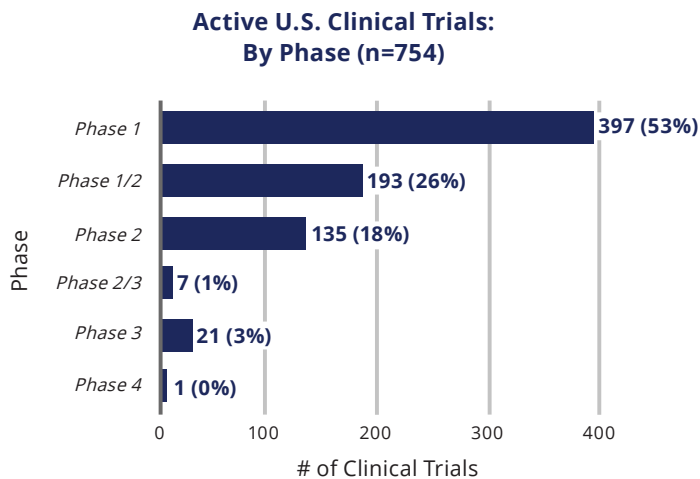


Figure 5. Number of Active U.S. Clinical Trials, by Phase

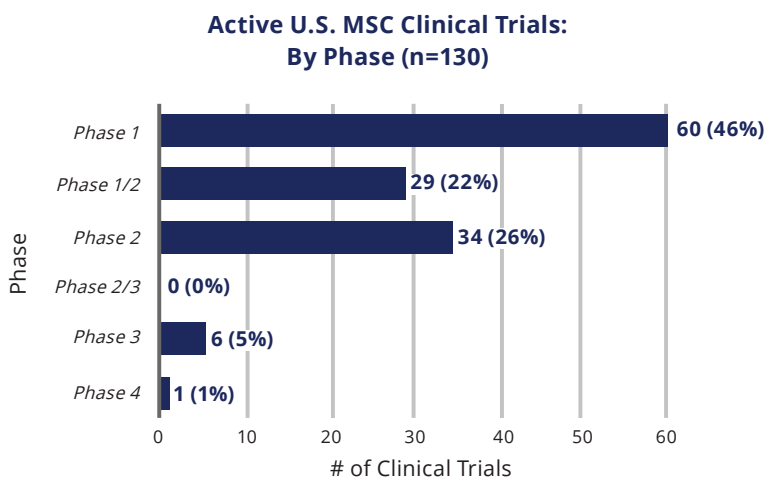


Figure 6. Number of Active U.S. MSC Clinical Trials, by Phase

Federal Government Plays a Limited Funding Role in Clinical Studies for RMCTs

The federal government funds about 19 percent of all active clinical studies exploring the use of regenerative medicine and cell therapies in the United States.

Active U.S. Clinical Studies Funded by Federal Government (n=851)

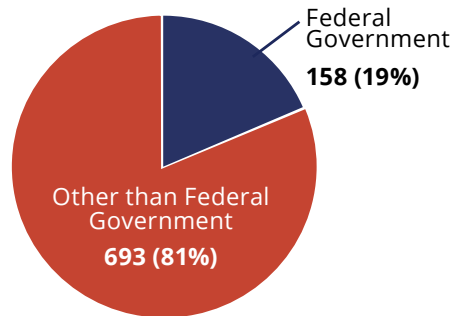


Figure 7. Federal Funding of Active Clinical Studies in U.S.

The federal government funds an even smaller percentage—15 percent—of clinical studies that explore the use of MSCs for patients with serious and life-threatening conditions. Without federal support, a majority of the promising results of several studies—particularly those conducted within academic and medical institutions, where most research is performed—will never make their way to patients.

Active U.S. MSC Clinical Studies Funded by Federal Government (n=157)

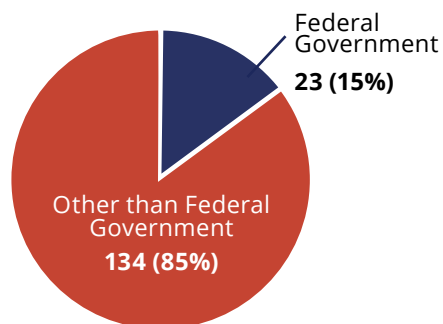
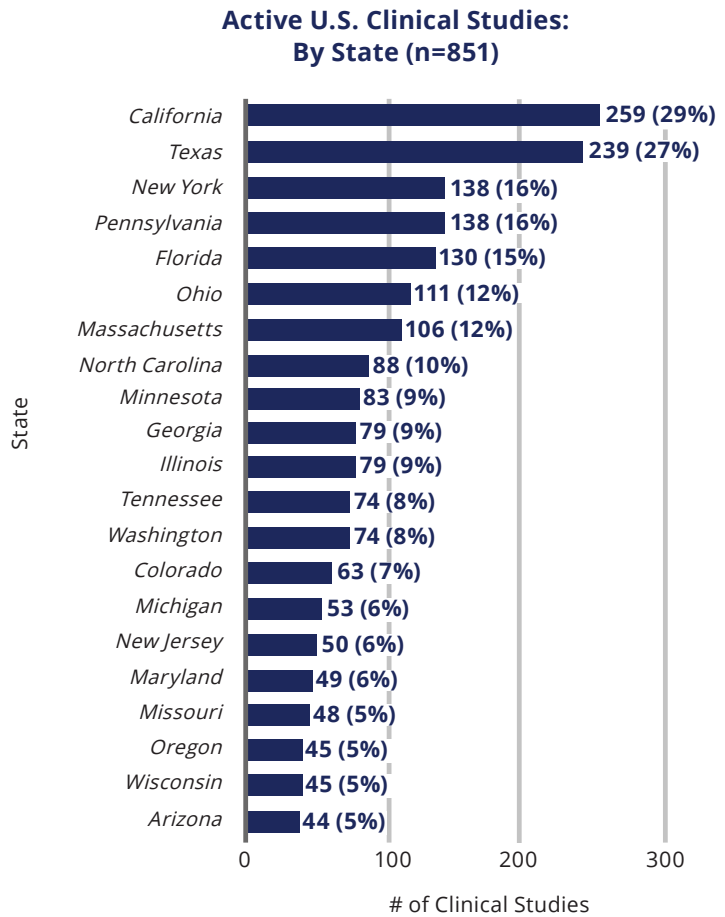


Figure 8. Federal Funding of Active MSC Clinical Studies in U.S.

Most Active Clinical Studies are Conducted in a Small Number of States

Most active clinical studies exploring the use of RMCTs are being conducted in a relatively small number of states, including California (29 percent), Texas (27 percent), New York (16 percent), Pennsylvania (16 percent), Florida (15 percent), Ohio (12 percent), Massachusetts (12 percent), and North Carolina (10 percent).

Nine percent of active clinical studies are being conducted in Georgia, Illinois, and Minnesota while 8 percent of active clinical studies are being conducted in the state of Washington and Tennessee.



Some studies are conducted in multiple locations, therefore percentages add up to more than 100%

Figure 9. Number of Active Clinical Studies in U.S., by State

Funding is Needed to Advance Promising RMCTs

Hundreds of clinical trials are active in the United States that explore the use of regenerative medicine and cell-based therapies for many conditions, including cancer, neurological conditions, cardiovascular conditions, musculoskeletal conditions, diabetes, and even COVID-19. RMCTs hold great hope for a range of conditions for which—to date—there has been no cure.

Nearly all active clinical trials involving RMCTs in the U.S. are early phase (either Phase 1 or Phase 2) trials. While results of early clinical studies are promising, the primary barrier to advancing such therapies is the significant cost of conducting large-scale, randomized clinical trials, which are a precursor to bringing safe and effective therapies to patients. The financial barriers are particularly problematic for academic and research institutions, as well as small biotechnology companies, who are responsible for the vast majority of clinical trials investigating the use of RMCTs in the United States. Federal funding is urgently needed to bring safe and effective therapies to patients in need.

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