

# Appeals court considers ban on stem cell research

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(AP) -- The Obama administration has told an appeals court that a judge's order halting federal funding of stem cell research would result in destruction of valuable biological materials and set back taxpayer-funded work.

A three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals in Washington is considering whether to throw out a lower court judge's ban on President Barack Obama's rules for federal funding of human embryonic [stem cell research](#).

The judge had temporarily blocked Obama's rules because he said it's likely they violate the law on federal funding of embryo destruction.

The [appeals court](#) judges on Monday questioned whether the disruption of the research would irreparably harm the government's work or just delay it while the case proceeds.

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