



Dr. Gabriel Lasala performs an adult stem cell procedure on Sept. 17.

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ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH IN COVINGTON

A private group of physicians and investors have founded a stem cell research company to perform treatment for heart and circulatory problems using adult stem cells in what is called regenerative medicine.

After five years of research, Dr. Gabriel Lasala, an interventional cardiologist in Covington, and Dr. Jose Minguell, a cellular biologist, have founded a research company, TCA Cellular Therapy, to treat heart and circulatory problems with autologous (from patient to the same patient) adult stem cells.

The first patient has been enrolled to treat circulatory conditions. After two weeks of multiplying the cells in TCA Cellular lab facility, the cells were injected into the patient on Sept. 17.

There are nine centers in the world performing this kind of research, of which three are in the United States, one being TCA Cellular Therapy and the other two in Atlanta and Indianapolis.