



# **Salk Institute: Pig-Human Chimeras Could Help Grow Human Organs**

Scientists at California's Salk Institute are introducing human DNA into pig DNA with the objective of growing organs for human transplant. The chimera creations present a serious ethical dilemma if the pigs were to acquire human intelligence. For this reason, the US government does not fund chimera research at this time (nor does it prohibit it). However, the National Institute of Health is considering reversing its decision and may begin giving tax-funded research grants.