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Our Mission & Vision

Our goal is to ensure that people can choose to have their brain preserved, after legal death, to enable the possibility of their future revival — safeguarding the memories, personality, and identity that make someone who they are. We advance the science, and the standards, to make that choice real.

Our mission

Modern neuroscience holds that our memories, personality, and identity are encoded primarily in the physical pattern of connections between neurons — the connectome — together with

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was won in full in 2018 with the development of aldehyde-stabilized cryopreservation (ASC), independently verified by our judging committee. The open scientific question of *whether* high-quality whole-brain preservation is achievable now has an evidence-based answer: yes.

Our vision

We believe that people should have the right to choose preservation at the end of life, and that this choice — made freely, and without harming others — deserves respect. We are not advocating that everyone make this choice. How we approach death is deeply personal. But for those who wish it, we believe there are now good scientific grounds for taking the preservation option seriously, and for working to make it affordable, accessible, and well-regulated.

A world with the science and technology to revive preserved individuals is likely to be a world with greater abilities, freedoms, and resources than our own. We do not assume such a future will be utopian or guaranteed — only that preserving the option is a reasonable, hopeful choice in the face of irreversible loss. Expanding access to high-quality preservation may also, in itself, encourage a more long-term, future-oriented outlook in the present.

Our position, and what we do *not* do

Validating that preservation has value for human use is an ongoing scientific process. Although high-quality preservation of large-animal brains has been demonstrated in laboratory settings, ensuring that medical preservation procedures actually achieve this in clinical settings requires rigorous assessment standards to verify that critical brain structures remain intact. This process is ongoing — see our [Standards & Accreditation](#) work. In addition, while modern neuroscience suggests that preserving the connectome is likely sufficient to preserve a person's identity, we are supporting work to confirm that memory — and the other information that defines who someone is — is genuinely present within a preserved brain. To learn more about these efforts, see our affiliated community at [Aspirational Neuroscience](#).

We do not currently endorse any preservation provider. The BPF does not offer preservation services, and does not currently endorse ASC or any other method or company for human use.

Our role is to advance the science, develop quality standards, and inform the public conversation — independently, and without commercial stake. See our [Standards & Accreditation](#) work for the quality benchmarks we believe any provider should meet.

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Disclaimer. Several companies now offer brain preservation services for human patients. The biostasis industry is young and quality-control practices vary among providers. **The BPF does not currently endorse any particular preservation provider.** Prior to being provided as a clinical service, the entire procedure and associated quality-control protocol should be tested in suitable laboratory animals and/or human anatomical donations, and the results published for review by the wider medical community.

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