

FACT Announces 2018 First Quarter Accreditations; Accredited Entities Now Total 285

During the first quarter of 2018, 25 entities received accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy:

Cellular Therapy Initial Accreditation – 2	Cord Blood Bank Initial Accreditation - 1
Cellular Therapy Renewal Accreditation – 22	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 0
Total Accredited Cellular Therapy Entities – 228	Total Accredited Cord Blood Banks – 57
Number of Countries – 7	Number of Countries – 24
Additional Cellular Therapy Applicants – 9	Additional Cord Blood Applicants - 12

FACT is a non-profit voluntary foundation for standard-setting, self-assessment, inspection, and accreditation of hematopoietic collection, processing, and transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; cord blood banking; and regenerative medicine. It is jointly sponsored by the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) and the International Society for Cellular Therapy (ISCT). WMDA-NetCord co-publishes cord blood standards and co-accredits cord blood banks.

For a complete list of accredited facilities and additional information about FACT accreditation, visit the [FACT website](#).

The cellular therapy accreditation actions were:

NEW CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATIONS

Cellular therapy product processing with minimal and more than minimal manipulation

- Medstar Georgetown University Hospital Cell Therapy Manufacturing Facility, Washington, D.C., USA
Program Director: Wanxing Cui, MD, PhD

Cellular therapy product processing with more than minimal manipulation

- Clinical Research Cell Manufacturing Program, Miami, Florida, USA
Program Director: Joshua Hare, MD

CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATION RENEWALS

Adult and pediatric allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal and more than minimal manipulation:

- The Johns Hopkins Bone Marrow Transplantation Program, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
Program Directors: Richard Jones, MD and Kenneth Cooke, MD
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, Memphis, Tennessee, USA
Program Director: Stephen Gottschalk, MD

Adult and pediatric allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- UCLA Hematologic Malignancies and Stem Cell Transplant (HMSCT) Program, Los Angeles, California, USA
Program Director: Gary Schiller, MD, FACP

- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Program, Children's Health – Children's Medical Center Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA
Program Director: Robert Collins, MD

Adult and pediatric allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- The University of Mississippi Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Program, Jackson, Mississippi, USA
Program Director: Carolyn Bigelow, MD

Adult allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- Colorado Blood Cancer Institute Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Denver, Colorado, USA
Program Director: Richard A. Nash, MD

Adult allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- Allegheny Health Network, Cancer Institute, West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
Program Director: John Lister, MD
- Blood and Marrow Transplant Center at Florida Hospital, Orlando, Florida, USA
Program Director: Steven Goldstein, MD
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Lebanon, New Hampshire, USA
Program Director: Kenneth R. Meehan, MD
- University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System Blood & Marrow Transplant Program, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Program Director: Damiano Rondelli, MD
- Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA
Program Director: Dianna Howard, MD
- West Virginia University Medicine Cancer Institute BMT Transplant Program, Morgantown, West Virginia, USA
Program Director: Michael Craig, MD

Adult allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio, Texas, USA
Program Director: MAJ Russell A. Baur, MD

Adult autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- The Blood and Marrow Transplant Center of Kansas at Via Christi Hospitals Wichita, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, USA
Program Director: Bassam Mattar, MD
- Bon Secours St. Francis Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Greenville, South Carolina, USA
Program Director: Sharif Khan, MD

- SUNY Upstate Medical University, Bone Marrow Transplant Program; Syracuse, New York, USA
Program Director: Dorothy Pan, MD
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Program, Bethesda, Maryland, USA
Program Director: MAJ MC Clifton C. Mo, MD

Pediatric allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Program Director: Lakshmanan Krishnamurti, MD
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Immune Deficiency Program; Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Program Director: Stella M. Davies, MB, BS, PhD, MRCP

Peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- OneBlood, Inc.; Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, and St. Petersburg, Florida; USA
Program Director: Tisha Foster, MD

Peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection

- Memorial Blood Centers (accredited for peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection, storage, and distribution), St. Paul, Minnesota, USA
Program Director: Elizabeth Perry, MD

Cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- University of Kansas Hospital Cell Processing Laboratory, Kansas City, Kansas, USA
Program Director: Sunil Abhyankar, MD

The cord blood bank accreditation action was:

NEW CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATION

Cord blood collection, banking, and release for administration of unrelated and related donations:

- Vita 34 AG, Clifton, Leipzig, Germany
Program Director: Anne Wilhelm, PhD