

## **FACT Announces 2013 Fourth Quarter Accreditations; Accredited Organizations Now Total 244**

During the fourth quarter of 2013, fourteen organizations received accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy:

Cellular Therapy Initial Accreditation – 0	Cord Blood Bank Initial Accreditation – 2
Cellular Therapy Renewal Accreditation – 10	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 2
Total Accredited Cellular Therapy Organizations – 198	Total Accredited Cord Blood Banks - 46

FACT is a non-profit voluntary foundation for standard-setting, self-assessment, inspection and accreditation in all phases of hematopoietic collection, processing and transplantation; and cord blood banking. It is jointly sponsored by the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT), the International Society for Cellular Therapy (ISCT), and NetCord.

The cellular therapy accreditation actions were:

### **CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATION RENEWALS**

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

- University of Chicago Stem Cell Transplant Program, Chicago, Illinois  
Program Director: Michael Bishop, MD
- Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program of Mayo Clinic, Nemours Children's Clinic, and Wolfson Children's Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida  
Program Director: Vivek Roy, 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 and more than minimal manipulation:*

- Adult Stem Cell Transplant Program at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami Hospital & Clinics, Miami, Florida  
Program Director: Krishna Komanduri, MD

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

- Baptist Centers for Cancer Care Stem Cell Transplant Program, Memphis, Tennessee  
Program Director: Furhan Yunus, MD, FACP
- Methodist Healthcare Blood and Marrow Transplant Center, Memphis, Tennessee  
Program Director: Robert Johnson, MD, FACP
- The Blood and Marrow Transplant Program of the Greenville Health System Cancer Institute, Greenville, South Carolina  
Program Director: Suzanne Fanning, DO

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

- Cook Children's Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Transplant Program, Fort Worth, Texas  
Program Director: Gretchen Eames, MD, MPH

- Cord and Marrow Transplant Program, Centre for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders, Sydney Children's Hospital, Sydney, Australia  
Program Director: Tracey O'Brien, FRACP, MBChB, MHL, BSc

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

- Spectrum Health Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Program Director: Ahmad Al-Homsi, MD

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

- The Blood Connection, Piedmont, South Carolina  
Program Director: Meri Geurry, MD

The cord blood bank accreditation actions were:

### **NEW CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATIONS**

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

- Emilia Romagna Cord Blood Bank, Bologna, Italy  
Program Director: Pasqualepaolo Pagliaro, MD

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

- Banque de Sang Placentaire du CHRU de Montpellier, Montpellier, France  
Program Director: Jean Schved, Prof.

### **RENEWAL CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATIONS**

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

- The Anthony Nolan Cord Blood Bank, Nottingham, United Kingdom  
Program Director: Susan Gomez, PhD

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

- NHS Cord Blood Bank, London, United Kingdom  
Program Director: Andrew Hadley, PhD

Currently there are 198 accredited blood and marrow transplant organizations, and 21 additional programs are in various stages of application and inspection. Forty-six cord blood banks have earned NetCord-FACT accreditation, and 18 additional banks have applied for accreditation representing 26 countries. For a complete list of accredited facilities and additional information about FACT accreditation, visit the [FACT Website](#).