

Suspension or Termination of Accreditation

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the reasons for suspension or termination of accreditation, the general process for such actions, and the process organizations may take to appeal suspension or termination decisions.

2.0 Scope

This policy is applicable to all organizations accredited by FACT.

3.0 Responsibility

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the FACT Office and the FACT Cellular Therapy and Cord Blood Accreditation Committees (“FACT Accreditation Committee”) to ensure that the policy outlined below is followed.

4.0 References

- 4.1 Reviewing Complaints and Grievances, 4.2.001
- 4.2 Accreditation Process, 6.1.001
- 4.3 Maintaining Accreditation, 6.1.003
- 4.4 Timelines for Organization Accreditation and Renewal, 6.2.001

5.0 Definitions

- 5.1 **Organization:** Refers to cord blood banks, clinical programs, cell collection, and/or processing facilities undergoing accreditation by FACT. An organization consists of the facilities, personnel, policies, procedures, and records.

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- 5.3 **Suspension of Accreditation:** Organization will not be accredited and will be removed from the website pending resolution of issue. Upon resolution of issue, accreditation will be reinstated without a change in expiration date.
- 5.4 **Termination of Accreditation:** Organization's accreditation will be revoked and a reapplication and completion of the accreditation process will be required to regain accreditation.

6.0 Suspension and/or Termination of Accreditation

- 6.1 FACT will suspend or terminate accreditation during an accreditation cycle if material evidence of noncompliance to FACT Standards or accreditation requirements exists, including, but not limited to, noncompliance with the following policies:
 - 6.1.1 6.1.001, Accreditation Process
 - 6.1.2 6.1.003, Maintaining Accreditation
 - 6.1.3 6.2.001, Timelines for Organization Accreditation and Renewal
- 6.2 If evidence of noncompliance is inconclusive, the information will be forwarded for review to the FACT Accreditation Committee, Grievance Committee, or FACT Board of Directors as appropriate for a suspension or termination decision.
- 6.3 If accreditation is suspended, the organization must provide documentation of required corrective actions within a specified timeframe before accreditation is reinstated.
- 6.4 If accreditation has been terminated, organizations must re-apply for accreditation by submitting a new Eligibility Application and applicable fees and subsequently complete the accreditation process.

7.0 Appeal Process

- 7.1 The organization has the right to appeal to the FACT Board of Directors (and NetCord Board of Directors, if applicable) the suspension or termination of accreditation.
- 7.2 The organization must submit the appeal in writing within 30 days of notification of the suspension or termination.
- 7.3 The written appeal must include details and supporting documentation in support of appealing the suspension or termination. (Complaint and Grievance Submission Form 4.2.001 Form 6)
- 7.4 If the appeal is granted, the organization will be relisted on the FACT website with no change in accreditation dates.

8.0 Organization Disbandment

- 8.1 When a FACT accredited organization disbands, accreditation will be terminated.