

FACT Announces Accreditations Awarded in March 2020 Accredited Entities Total 291

In March 2020, 4 entities received accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy:

Cellular Therapy Initial Accreditation – 0	Cord Blood Bank Initial Accreditation - 0
Cellular Therapy Renewal Accreditation – 3	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 1
Total Accredited Cellular Therapy Entities – 237	Total Accredited Cord Blood Banks – 54
Number of Countries – 7	Number of Countries – 24
Additional Cellular Therapy Applicants – 21	Additional Cord Blood Applicants - 8

FACT is a non-profit voluntary foundation for standard-setting, self-assessment, inspection, and accreditation of hematopoietic cell collection, processing, and transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; cord blood banking; and regenerative medicine. It is jointly sponsored by the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) and the International Society for Cell & Gene Therapy (ISCT).

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

The cellular therapy accreditation actions were:

CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATION RENEWALS

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

- Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Kids Cancer Centre, Sydney Children’s Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
Program Director: Tracey O’Brien, FRACP, MBChB, MHL, BSc
- University of California, San Francisco Benioff Children’s Hospital; Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, San Francisco, California, USA
Program Director: Sandhya Kharbanda, MD

Cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:

- Vitalant Cell Therapy Lab, Phoenix, Tempe, Arizona, USA
Program Director: Kevin J. Land, MD

The cord blood bank accreditation actions were:

CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATION RENEWALS

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

- LifeCord Cord Blood Bank, Gainesville, Florida, USA
Program Director: John R. Wingard, MD