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Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation Publishes Article on FACT Clinical Outcome Review Process.

OMAHA, Neb. - The journal *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation* (BBMT) published the article, [Integration of Publicly Reported Center Outcomes into Standards and Accreditation: The FACT Model](#) (LeMaistre et al, 2019). Combining historical information with aggregate data collated from corrective action plans (CAPs) submitted to FACT, the article provides an overview of FACT's process for evaluating one-year survival and preliminary themes found in CAPs.

"This work describes the FACT peer-evaluation process to help centers with lower than expected survival establish a robust corrective action plan," says C. Fred LeMaistre, MD, lead author of the article and chair of FACT's Clinical Outcomes Improvement Committee. "It also establishes the importance of evaluating both process and outcomes in an accreditation process."

The article is a useful reference for understanding FACT requirements for evaluating one-year survival, generating ideas for outcome analyses within transplant programs, and understanding the value of setting expectations for patient outcomes within the context of voluntary accreditation programs.

LeMaistre, C.F., Wacker, K.K., Akard, L.P., Al-Homsi, A.S., Gastineau, D.A., Godder, K., Lill, M., . . . Warkentin, P.I. (2019). Integration of Publicly Reported Center Outcomes into Standards and Accreditation: The FACT Model. *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*, 25, 2243-2250. doi: 10.1016/j.bbmt.2019.06.035

About FACT

Founded in 1996, FACT establishes standards for high quality patient care and laboratory practice in cellular therapies and regenerative medicine. FACT is a non-profit corporation co-founded by the International Society for Cellular Therapy (ISCT) and the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) for the purposes of voluntary inspection and accreditation in the field of cellular therapy.

About FACT Accreditation

The accreditation process is designed to be supportive, consistent, and objective. FACT promotes improvement and progress by establishing minimum standards, providing education, and inspecting and accrediting programs worldwide. Expert inspectors and the comprehensive accreditation program verify programs provide high quality cellular products and help to achieve desirable outcomes for patients. For more information, visit www.factwebsite.org.

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