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Bebé Vida is first Cord Blood Bank in Portugal to earn FACT accreditation

OMAHA, Neb.—Bebé Vida in Portugal received internationally recognized accreditation by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Bebé Vida, directed by Marika Bini Antunes, MD, is the first and only cord blood bank in Portugal to be recognized by FACT. The bank received accreditation on April 28, 2017, and is accredited for banking cord blood for private family use.

Dr. Bini Antunes states, “We are very happy to achieve FACT accreditation and for being the first Portuguese bank to receive it. It was hard work and a big effort for us, but we were supported by a very dedicated inspection team. This big leap forward ratifies our team’s constant efforts in providing the best care and high quality products for our patients. FACT accreditation will undoubtedly drive us forward in the search for better stem cell research and development.”

Dr. Phyllis Warkentin, FACT Chief Medical Officer states, “I welcome Bebé Vida to a network of Cord Blood Banks and experts that promote the highest quality in cord blood products and help balance global supply and demand for cord blood. Accredited cord blood banks such as Bebé Vida have met rigorous standards and I commend them on this tremendous success.”

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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