

## **FACT Announces 2016 First and Second Quarter Accreditations; Accredited Entities Now Total 277**

During the first half of 2016, 28 entities received accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy:

Cellular Therapy Initial Accreditation – 2	Cord Blood Bank Initial Accreditation - 1
Cellular Therapy Renewal Accreditation – 18	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 7
Total Accredited Cellular Therapy Entities – 222	Total Accredited Cord Blood Banks - 55

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

The cellular therapy accreditation actions were:

### **NEW CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATIONS**

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

- Levine Cancer Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA  
Program Director: Edward Copelan, MD, FACP

***Cellular therapy product processing with more than minimal manipulation:***

- UTHHealth – Medical School, The Evelyn H. Griffin Stem Cell Therapeutics Research Laboratory, Houston, Texas, USA  
Program Director: Fabio Triolo, D.d.R., M.Phil, PhD

### **CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATION RENEWALS**

***Adult and pediatric 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:***

- H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Tampa, Florida, USA  
Program Director: Claudio Anasetti, MD
- Stanford Medicine Blood & Marrow Transplant Program, Stanford, California, USA  
Program Director: Robert Negrin, MD
- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Department of Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, Houston, Texas, USA  
Program Director: Richard Champlin, MD

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

- McGill University Health Centre Stem Cell Transplant Program, Montréal, Québec, Canada  
Program Director: Gizelle Popradi, MD

- The Stem Cell Transplantation and Research Program at Medical City Dallas and Medical City Children's Hospitals, Dallas, Texas, USA  
Program Director: Vikas Bhushan, 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:***

- The Massachusetts General Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant Program, Boston, Massachusetts, USA  
Program Director: Yi-Bin Chen, 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 manipulation:***

- UHN Blood and Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Program Director: Christine Chen, MD
- University of Kentucky Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Lexington, Kentucky, USA  
Program Director: Roger Herzig, MD

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

- Roger Williams Medical Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Providence, Rhode Island, USA  
Program Director: Todd Roberts, MD, FRCP(C)

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

- Aurora Health Care Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Program, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA  
Program Director: Robert Taylor, MD
- Lahey Hospital and Medical Center Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Program, Burlington, Massachusetts, USA  
Program Director: Arthur Rabinowitz, MD
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center & University Medical Center System, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Lubbock, Texas, USA  
Program Director: Nicholas D'Cunha, MD, FACP
- Virginia Oncology Associates/American Red Cross Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Program, Norfolk, Virginia, USA  
Program Director: Dean S. McGaughey, MD

***Pediatric 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:***

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA  
Program Director: Nancy Bunin, MD

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

- Blood and Marrow Transplantation Levine Children's Hospital/Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA  
Program Director: Michael Eckrich, MD
- Nemours / Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, Delaware, USA  
Program Director: E. Anders Kolb, MD

***Peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection:***

- American Red Cross, Carolinas Region, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA  
Program Director: Corinne Goldberg, MD
- Rhode Island Blood Center, Providence, Rhode Island, USA  
Program Director: Carolyn Young, 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:***

- Cyncord Public Allogeneic Cord Blood Bank, Strovolos, Nicosia, Cyprus  
Program Director: Paul Costeas, PhD

**CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATION RENEWALS**

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

- HealthBanks Cord Blood Center, HealthBanks Biotech Co., Ltd., Taipei City, Taiwan  
Program Director: Wei-Yu Lo, PhD
- Hellenic Cord Blood Bank, Athens, Greece  
Program Director: Catherine Stavropoulos-Giokas, MD, PhD
- Milano Cord Blood Bank, Milano, Italy  
Program Director: Maurizio Marconi, MD
- The Swedish National Cord Blood Bank, Gothenburg, Sweden  
Program Director: Anders Fasth, MD, PhD

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

- Sheba Cord Blood Bank, Tel HaShomer, Israel  
Program Director: Arnon Nagler, MD
- Sydney Cord Blood Bank, Randwick, New South Wales, Australia  
Program Director: Joanna Youngson, PhD

***Cord blood collection, banking, and release for administration of unrelated donations (not currently collecting or processing cord blood units):***

- The Finnish Cord Blood Bank, Helsinki, Finland  
Program Director: Matti Korhonen, MD, PhD

There are a total of 182 accredited blood and marrow transplant entities in 6 countries, along with 9 independent collection facilities, 18 independent processing facilities, and 13 independent collection and processing facilities. A total of 55 cord blood banks have earned NetCord-FACT accreditation representing 23 countries. Additionally, there are 11 cellular therapy organizations and 14 additional cord blood banks that are in various stages of application and inspection. For a complete list of accredited facilities and additional information about FACT accreditation, visit the [FACT website](#).