

## **FACT Announces 2016 Third and Fourth Quarter Accreditations; Accredited Entities Now Total 277**

During the second half of 2016, 48 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 – 32	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 13
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 and pediatric allogeneic and autologous hematopoietic progenitor cell transplantation; peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection; and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:***

- Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Servicio de Hematologia Hospital Universitario, Monterrey, Mexico  
Program Director: David Gomez-Almaguer, MD

***Cellular Therapy Product Processing with Minimal and More than Minimal Manipulation - Common Standards***

- Robertson Clinical and Translational Cell Therapy Program cGMP Facility, Durham, North Carolina, USA  
Program Director: Joanne Kurtzberg, MD

### **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:***

- Duke University Medical Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Durham, North Carolina, USA  
Program Director: Joanne Kurtzberg, MD
- Stanford Medicine Blood & Marrow Transplant Program, Stanford, California, USA  
Program Director: Robert Negrin, MD
- University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Stem Cell Transplant Program, Cleveland, Ohio, USA  
Program Director: Marcos de Lima, 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:***

- Auckland City and Starship Children's Hospitals Stem Cell Transplant Programme, Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand  
Program Director: Richard Doocey, MD

- Cleveland Clinic Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Cleveland, Ohio, USA  
Program Director: Navneet S. Majhail, MD
- Northwest Marrow Transplant Program at Oregon Health & Science University, Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center and Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Portland, Oregon, USA  
Program Director: Richard Maziarz, MD
- Spectrum Health Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA  
Program Director: Muneer Abidi, MD
- Tufts Medical Center Bone Marrow and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Program, Boston, Massachusetts, USA  
Program Director: Kellie A. Sprague, 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:***

- Adult Stem Cell Transplant Program at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami Hospital & Clinics, Miami, Florida, USA  
Program Director: Krishna Komanduri, MD
- Leukemia/BMT Program of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
Program Director: Raewyn Broady, MBChB, FRACP
- Methodist Health Care Blood and Marrow Transplant Center, Memphis, Tennessee, USA  
Program Director: Yasser Khaled, MD
- Programme de greffe de cellules souches hématopoïétiques du CHU de Québec - Université Laval, L'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, Québec City, Québec, Canada  
Program Director: Felix Couture, MD
- Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Sacramento, California, USA  
Program Director: Michael P. Carroll, MD
- University of Maryland Medical Center Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Baltimore, Maryland, USA  
Program Director: Aaron Rapoport, MD

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

- The Blood and Marrow Transplant Program of the Greenville Health System Cancer Institute, Greenville, South Carolina, USA  
Program Director: Suzanne Fanning, DO
- The Coleman Foundation Blood and Marrow Transplant Center at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, USA  
Program Director: Gorgun Akpek, MD, MHS
- Ochsner Medical Center Leukemia, Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA  
Program Director: Robert Emmons, MD
- Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey/Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA  
Program Director: Roger Strair, MD, PhD

- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Adult Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Program, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA  
Program Director: Mounzer Agha, MD

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

- INOVA Fairfax Hospital / Fairfax Stem Cell Transplant Program, Fairfax, Virginia, USA  
Program Director: Gregory Orloff, MD
- The University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vermont, USA  
Program Director: Julian Sprague, 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:***

- Cellular Therapy Program – CHU Sainte-Justine, Montréal, Québec, Canada  
Program Director: Michel Duval, MD
- Cord 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
- Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Loma Linda, California, USA  
Program Director: Albert Kheradpour, MD

***Bone marrow and peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection:***

- Sainte-Justine Hospital Cellular Therapy Collection Facility, Montréal, Québec, Canada  
Program Director: Michel Duval, MD

***Peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection and cellular therapy product processing with minimal manipulation:***

- Canadian Blood Services – Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Program Director: Antonio Giulivi, MD
- Carter BloodCare, Bedford, Texas, USA  
Program Director: Geeta Paranjape, MD
- Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA  
Program Director: James W. Smith, MD, PhD
- UBS Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas, USA  
Program Director: Melissa M. Blann, MD

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

- Loma Linda University Apheresis Collection Center, Loma Linda, California, USA  
Program Director: Wesley Stevens, MD

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

- Nemours Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children Clinical Laboratory, Wilmington, Delaware, USA  
Program Director: Maureen Edelson, MD
- PCT, LLC, A Caladrius Company at Allendale, New Jersey and PCT, LLC, A Caladrius Company at Mountain View, California  
Program Director: Robert Preti, PhD

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:***

- Pescara Cord Blood Bank, Pescara, Italy  
Program Director: Tiziana Bonfini, MD, PhD

**CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATION RENEWALS**

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

- Emilia Romagna Cord Blood Bank (ERCB), Bologna, Italy  
Program Director: Claudio Velati, MD
- 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
- Programa Concordia Banc de Sang i Teixits, Barcelona, Spain  
Program Director: Sergio Querol-Giner, MD, PhD

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

- Banque de Sang Placentaire du CHRU de Montpellier, Montpellier, France  
Program Director: John De Vos, MD, Prof
- BMDI Cord Blood Bank, Parkville, Victoria, Australia  
Program Director: Ngaire Elwood, PhD
- Cellular Therapy Engineering Department, Banque de sang placentaire de Bordeaux (Bordeaux CBB), Etablissement Français du Sang Aquitaine-Limousin, Bordeaux, France  
Program Director: Bernard Dazey, PhD
- Cord Blood Bank Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany  
Program Director: Harald Klüter, MD, PhD
- Hong Kong Red Cross Catherine Chow Cord Blood Bank, Yaumatei, Hong Kong  
Program Director: Cheuk-Kwong Lee, MD

- J.P. McCarthy Cord Stem Cell Bank Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit, Michigan, USA  
Program Director: Voravit Ratanatharathorn, MD
- LifeCord Cord Blood Bank, Gainesville, Florida, USA  
Program Director: Juan Merayo-Rodriguez, MD
- MDA Public Cord Blood Bank, Ramat Gan, Israel  
Program Director: Eilat Shinar, MD

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

- SSCB Swiss Stem Cell Bank SA, Taverne Torricella, Switzerland  
Program Director: Veronica Albertini, PhD

There are a total of 181 accredited blood and marrow transplant entities in 7 countries, along with 9 independent collection facilities, 19 independent processing facilities, 12 independent collection and processing facilities, and 1 processing facility under the Common Standards. A total of 55 cord blood banks have earned NetCord-FACT accreditation representing 24 countries. Additionally, there are 10 cellular therapy organizations and 11 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](#).