

FACT Announces 2018 Third Quarter Accreditations; Accredited Entities Now Total 283

During the third quarter of 2018, 20 entities received accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy:

Cellular Therapy Initial Accreditation – 1	Cord Blood Bank Initial Accreditation - 0
Cellular Therapy Renewal Accreditation – 15	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 4
Total Accredited Cellular Therapy Entities – 231	Total Accredited Cord Blood Banks – 54
Number of Countries – 7	Number of Countries – 24
Additional Cellular Therapy Applicants – 6	Additional Cord Blood Applicants - 9

FACT is a non-profit voluntary foundation for standard-setting, self-assessment, inspection, and accreditation of hematopoietic collection, processing, and transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; 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). WMDA-NetCord co-publishes cord blood standards and co-accredits cord blood banks.

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

The cellular therapy accreditation actions were:

NEW CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATIONS

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

- Bloodworks Northwest, Seattle, Washington, USA
Program Director: David Lin, MD, MHA

CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATION RENEWALS

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

- The Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at Mayo Clinic Arizona and Phoenix Children's Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, USA
Program Director: Jeanne Palmer, MD

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

- The Ohio State University Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital & Richard J. Solove Research Institute, Columbus, Ohio, USA
Program Director: Samantha M. Jaglowski, MD, MPH

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

- University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
Program Director: Karen Ballen, 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:

- The Jewish Hospital-Mercy Health Blood Cancer Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Program Director: James Essell, MD
- Tulane Medical Center Blood/Marrow Stem Cell Transplant Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Program Director: Hana Safah, MD

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

- Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California, USA
Program Director: Ronald Paquette, MD

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

- Covenant Hematopoietic Transplant Program, Lubbock, Texas, USA
Program Director: Kiran Yalamanchili, MD
- University Health Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana, USA
Program Director: Nebu Koshy, MD

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

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Division of Oncology; Cellular Therapy and Transplant Section, 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 and more than minimal manipulation:

- UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Blood & Marrow Transplantation Program, Oakland, California, USA
Program Director: Mark Walters, MD

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

- Children's Hospital New Orleans/LSUHSC HSCT Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Program Director: Lolie C. Yu, MD

Pediatric 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:

- WA Paediatric and Adolescent Cellular Therapies Program, Perth, Western Australia, Australia
Program Director: Shanti Ramachandran, MBBS

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

- Hoxworth Blood Center University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA
Program Director: Thomas Leemhuis, PhD

Peripheral blood cellular therapy product collection

- Apheresis Associates of Northern Virginia, Annandale, Virginia, USA
Program Director: Abdus Salam, MD, PhD

Cellular therapy product processing with more than minimal manipulation:

- cGMP: Therapeutic Cell Production Facility, Buffalo, New York, USA
Program Director: Yeong "Christopher" Choi, PhD, MBA
Standards: FACT Common Standards

The cord blood bank accreditation actions were:

CORD BLOOD BANK ACCREDITATION RENEWALS

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

- Héma-Québec, Saint-Laurent, Québec, Canada
Program Director: Diane Fournier, PhD
- StemCyte, Inc., Baldwin Park, California, USA
Program Director: Lawrence Petz, MD
- StemCyte Taiwan Cord Blood Bank, New Taipei City, Taiwan
Program Director: Shinn-Zong Lin, MD, PhD

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

- Abraham J. & Phyllis Katz Cord Blood Foundation d.b.a. Cleveland Cord Blood Center,
Cleveland, Ohio, USA
Program Director: Wouter Van't Hof, PhD