

FACT Announces October 2019 Accreditations Accredited Entities Total 286

In October 2019, six entities received accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy:

Cellular Therapy Initial Accreditation – 0	Cord Blood Bank Initial Accreditation - 0
Cellular Therapy Renewal Accreditation – 4	Cord Blood Bank Renewal Accreditation - 2
Total Accredited Cellular Therapy Entities – 231	Total Accredited Cord Blood Banks – 55
Number of Countries – 7	Number of Countries – 24
Additional Cellular Therapy Applicants – 17	Additional Cord Blood Applicants - 7

FACT is a non-profit voluntary foundation for standard-setting, self-assessment, inspection, and accreditation of hematopoietic cell collection, processing, and transplantation; immune effector cellular therapy; cord blood banking; and regenerative medicine. It is jointly sponsored by the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) and the International Society for Cell & Gene Therapy (ISCT).

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

The cellular therapy accreditation actions were:

CELLULAR THERAPY ACCREDITATION RENEWALS

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:

- Leukemia/BMT Program of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Program Director: Sujaatha Narayanan, MBBS, MRCPATH
- Roger Williams Medical Center Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Providence, Rhode Island, USA
Program Director: Todd Roberts, MD, FRCP(C)

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

- Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey/Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA
Program Director: Dennis Cooper, MD

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

- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, Houston, Texas, USA
Program Director: Richard Champlin, MD

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:

- Milano Cord Blood Bank, Milano, Italy
Program Director: Daniele Prati, MD

- Programa Concordia Banc de Sang i Teixits, Barcelona, Spain
Program Director: Sergio Querol-Giner, MD, PhD