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King Abdullah International Medical Research Center is first Saudi Arabia Cord Blood Bank to earn FACT accreditation.

OMAHA, Neb. - King Abdullah International Medical Research Center cord blood bank in Saudi Arabia received internationally recognized accreditation by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The program at King Abdullah International Medical Research Center is the first and only one in Saudi Arabia to be recognized by FACT. King Abdullah, directed by Dunia Jawdat, PhD, received accreditation on September 15, 2015, and is accredited for banking cord blood for both public and private family use.

“The bridge of trust between our bank and patients is based on the quality of service we provide” stated Dr. Dunia Jawdat, Director of the KAIMRC Cord Blood Bank. “Achieving FACT accreditation validates the continuous hard work given by our staff to provide high quality products. Being internationally recognized as a high quality service provider will continuously drive us to aim for excellence and quality improvement and further discover advancement in cord blood stem cell therapy.”

Worldwide, FACT has accredited cord blood banks in twenty-one different countries. Dr. Phyllis Warkentin, FACT Chief Medical Officer, is pleased to see that number continue to rise. “Accreditation is important outside the United States since best-matched donors can be in a different part of the world. Availability of high-quality matched cells depends on international consensus and collaboration.”

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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