

ASBMT Cord Blood Special Interest Group Charter

Purpose

This Special Interest Group (SIG) will provide a national and international forum to promote the use of cord blood (CB) for the transplantation of patients with diseases of the blood and bone marrow. The CB SIG will also support the development of CB-derived cellular therapies and regenerative medicine applications.

The CB SIG will:

- interact with CB banks, regulators and accrediting bodies to promote the optimal quality of CB products.
- promote the optimal practices in the clinical conduct of CB transplantation for the treatment of diseases of the blood and bone marrow.
- work with the CB banking and transplant communities to develop cost-saving approaches to optimal therapy.
- promote clinical, translational, and laboratory CB research.
- seek to accelerate the investigation of CB-derived cellular therapies and regenerative medicine applications.
- interact with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other Government Funding Agencies to promote CB banking and transplantation.
- interact with other professional hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy organizations to promote CB transplantation including the European Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT), the International Society of Cellular Therapy (ISCT) and the CB Association (CBA).
- interact with other ASBMT CB SIGs to promote the care of CBT recipients including the Infectious Diseases, Pharmacy and Nursing SIGs.

Membership

Membership in the CB SIG is open to any ASBMT member. Diverse representation should include transplant physicians and other health care providers, scientists and professionals involved in Cytotherapy laboratories and CB banking.

Duties of Members

1. Actively participate in SIG meetings (at least quarterly) via phone and an annual in-person meeting at the ASBMT/CIBMTR BMT Tandem Meeting.
2. Contribute to educational activities as requested by the Steering Committee.
3. Support the development and implementation of a research agenda to promote CBT.
4. Collaborate to conduct scientifically robust research.
5. Collaborate in other SIG initiatives as described.

Steering Committee

The SIG will have a Steering Committee, in accordance with the ASBMT Bylaws.

1. Membership
 - Number of members. No more than 5 members.
 - Term of members. Two-years. May be re-appointed, with no term limits.
 - Overlap of terms. Terms of members will overlap with rotation to ensure continuity.
 - Term start/stop. Terms will begin and end at the ASBMT annual meeting.
 - Composition. Steering Committee members must be members of the SIG.
 - Nominations. Appointments to the Steering Committee will be made by SIG co-Chairs.
2. Leadership
 - The leadership of the Steering Committee will be a Chair or co-Chairs with term(s) of 2 years; leaders may be reappointed.
3. Steering Member Responsibilities
 - Attend and actively participate in Steering Committee conference calls and other meetings at the request of the SIG co-Chairs.

- Complete assignments including contributing to the annual report on activities for ASBMT Board of Directors.
- Serve as resource for SIG members as well as members of other ASBMT SIGs.

Working Committees

Working Committees may be appointed by the Steering Committee to accomplish work of the SIG. These committees will be evaluated by the Steering Committee annually.