## Hot Topics in the 6th Edition of FACT-JACIE Standards

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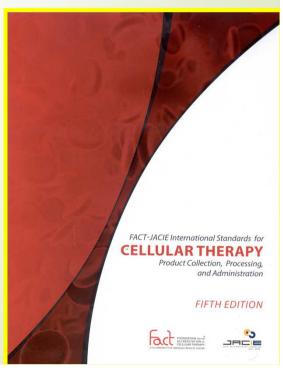
### **Objectives**

- To review the factors involved in FACT –JACIE Cell Therapy standards' revision
- To review changes in the new 6<sup>th</sup>
   edition that affect apheresis facilities
   participating in cellular therapy
   product collections

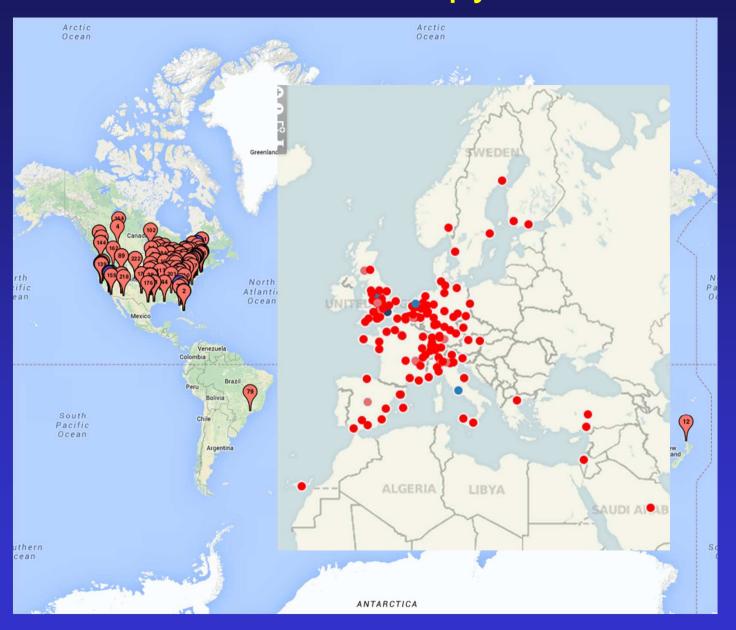
FACT-JACIE International Standards for Hematopoietic Cellular Therapy Product Collection, Processing, and Administration, 6<sup>th</sup> edition

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### FACT & JACIE Cell Therapy Accredited Facilities



#### **Factors in Standards Revision**

- New developments
  - Evidence-based
- Feedback from 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Standards
  - Accreditation e.g.
     common citations
- Input from related
  - Organizations
  - Individuals



# Global Changes in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Standards that affect Apheresis Collection facilities



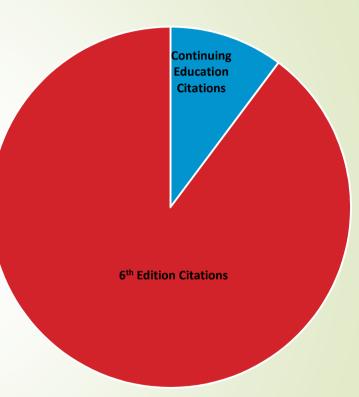
### Continuing Education (Global change in

all sections: B3, CM3, C3, D3)

- 5<sup>th</sup> edition:
  - "Key Personnel ...shall participate regularly in educational activities related to the field of HPC transplantation"
- Applicants and inspectors thought "regular participation" was too vague
- 6<sup>th</sup> edition:
  - Key personnel must participate in at least 10 hours related to cellular therapy
  - Does not have to be formally recognized (e.g. CME)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Standards: 10 hours of Continuing Education activities

- So far, there have only been 15 inspections (FACT) under the 6<sup>th</sup> edition Standards
- Of these 15 inspections, 7 programs had citations relating to continuing education
  - So far, 11% of citations for 6<sup>th</sup> edition Standards relate to continuing education



### How to Comply - Continuing Education requirements (all sections)

Does not have to be formally recognized (e.g., CME); Acceptable Continuing Education Examples:

- The annual meeting of several professional societies includes information directly related to the field
- Grand Rounds, if specifically related to cellular therapy or diseases for which transplantation is a therapeutic option
- Presentation of a paper at scientific meeting
- Publication of a manuscript related to cell therapy

- Participation in a webinar or on-line tutorial
- Review of articles in the medical literature related to cellular therapy; including those where the journal offers CME credits
- Local or regional journal club, potentially including the preparation time
- Morbidity and Mortality conferences

### Donors: Informed Consent (B6, CM6, C6)

6 <sup>th</sup> edition	5 <sup>th</sup> edition
Informed consent and donor evaluation now must be obtained by a health care professional who is <b>not</b> the primary health care professional overseeing care of the recipient	This was only a recommendation
The informed consent process <b>must</b> inform the donor of the policy for cellular therapy product discard or disposal	Was not required previously

### Donors: Pregnancy Tests

(B6, CM6, C6)

- Previous editions only required a pregnancy assessment for female donors with childbearing potential → was often misinterpreted
- 6<sup>th</sup> edition: Pregnancy Tests, rather than just assessments, are required
- Must be performed:
  - Within 7 days prior to starting donor mobilization regimen
  - Within 7 days prior to the initiation of the recipient's preparative regimen
- This may require two tests if the recipient is on a longterm preparative regimen

### Other Changes to Donor Requirements (B6, CM6, C6)

- Must have written criteria for selection of allogeneic donors who are elderly
- Must have a policy for anti-HLA antibody testing for mismatched donors and recipients
- Records required for donor eligibility determination must be in English or translated into English when crossing international borders
- Standards throughout the document explicitly reference requirements for incomplete donor eligibility determination in addition to ineligible donors

## Changes Specifically to Marrow and Apheresis Standards





### **Number of Bone Marrow Collections Required** (CM1.5)

- 2014 draft of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition
- CM1.5 : required minimum average of two BM collections per year (↑ from 1/year)
- Public comments: 46 total!!
- 22/24 agree/disagree; however, those disagreeing strongly dissented
- Back to standards' committee...

## Number of Bone Marrow Collections Required (Cont.)

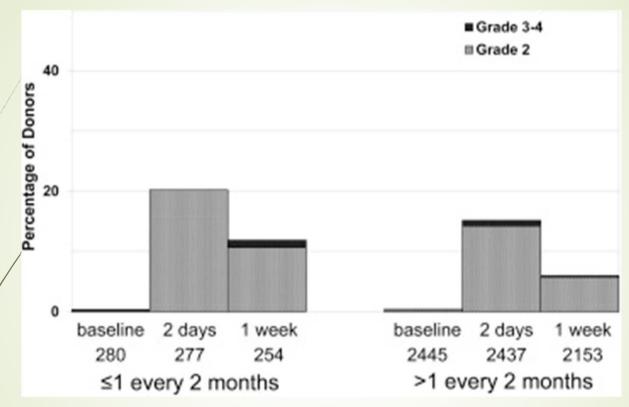
	Concerns	Standards committee thought process
	Patients	Access to BM collection could ↓
	Donors	Subjected to BM collection to meet numbers
	Evidence based	<ol> <li>Lack of data:</li> <li>Relationship between no. of collections &amp; competency /outcomes</li> <li>NMDP – no issues with collection centers w/ low numbers</li> </ol>
	6 <sup>th</sup> edition final Decision	Revert to original requirement - minimum average of 1/BM collection/year



"Just when I discovered the meaning of life, they changed it."

- George Carlin

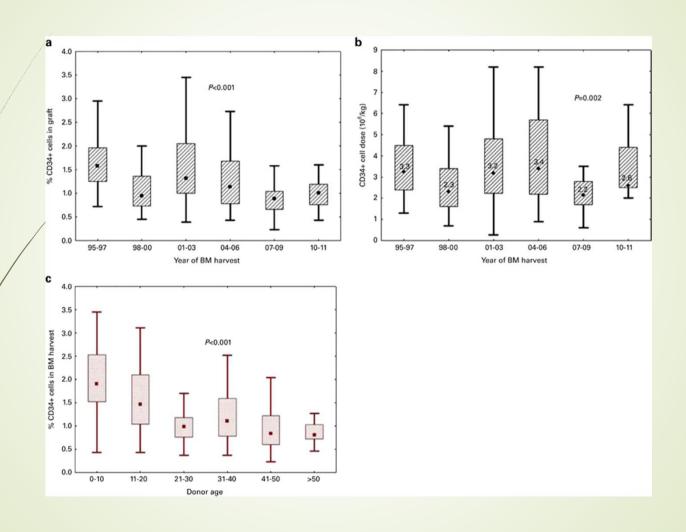
## Number of Bone Marrow Collections Required (2015)



Highest toxicity level of key symptoms for BM donors by collection center volume: at baseline, during the pericollection period, and post donation

Bronwen E. Shaw, et al. BBMT, 2015; 21:1830-1838

#### Number of Bone Marrow Collections Required (2015)



Remberger M, et al. BMT. 2015;50(7):1007-9

### Minimum Number of Marrow Collection Procedures – Summary

- For now remains at a minimum average of one collection per year within the accreditation cycle but stay tuned...
- This minimum number is applied to a single team of collectors and support staff.
  - Different teams at different sites must each meet the minimum

## Other Marrow and Apheresis Collection Facility Changes

- Records must identify the person immediately responsible for each significant step (including dates and times) (CM8.15.1, C8.16.1)
- Cellular therapy products must be transported or shipped to the Processing Facility in a validated container (CM10.3, C10.3)
- Marrow Collection Facilities must also control storage areas (CM9.1)
  - Cellular therapy products are always undergoing some process, and temporary holding until they are picked up by another facility is considered storage

### Apheresis Equipment (C8.3)

- Inspect for cleanliness prior to each use
- Verify compliance with the maintenance schedule daily prior to use
- Define process for action to take when out of calibration for products collected since the last calibration

### Other Apheresis Collection Changes

- When performed in outpatient unit, there must be a designated area with location, space, and design to minimize risk of airborne microbial contamination (C2.1.2)
- Directors and Medical Directors must have performed or supervised a minimum of 5 (initial) or average of 5 (renewal) procedures (C3.1.4, C3.2.4)
- ECP requirements also included in this section based on requests from apheresis professionals (C8.17) and common citations in the clinical part

## In the 5<sup>th</sup> edition: B7- Recipient Care B7.9: Extracorporeal Photopheresis (ECP)

There shall be a policy addressing safe administration of extracorporeal photopheresis

- Many citations because
   Clinical Programs did not:
  - Establish SOPs
  - Have a final report of the therapy administered
  - Did not assess response, outcomes, and adverse events
  - ....ECP was in clinical section only. 6<sup>th</sup> edition-ECP was added to the collection section as well

## Extracorporeal Photopheresis (ECP)

- If performed within the Clinical Program or Collection Facility, must be in compliance with the Standards as applicable.
- Additional clinical standards (B7.9 and substandards) apply whether or not ECP is performed within organization.
  - Controlled by Clinical Program: consultation, written order, etc.
  - May need to be in written agreements: final report of ECP, performance in accordance with SOPs, provision of outcome data

## Examples of ECP within the Same Institution

### Provided by directly affiliated unit

- ECP performed in hospital's infusion center
- Considered an outpatient procedure
- ECP machine can be wheeled to bedside
- SOPs in common apheresis manuals
- Written agreements are not required

#### Provided by outside vendor

- ECP performed by mobile apheresis service
- Considered a vendor
- Apply written agreements
- Basically applying your own QMP e.g. audits, employees credentials to the vendor and everyone is following your own SOPs.

## 6<sup>th</sup> edition: in the apheresis section ECP Requirements Standard C8.17

- C8.17 There shall be a policy addressing safe administration of ECP.
- C8.17.1 Before ECP is undertaken, there shall be a written therapy plan from a physician specifying the patient's diagnosis and GVHD grade, involved organs, indication, timing of the procedure, proposed regimen, and any other factors that may affect the safe administration of ECP.
- C8.17.2 The ECP procedure shall be performed according to written standard operating procedures of the facility performing the procedure appropriate for the clinical condition of the patient.
- C8.17.3 A final report of the details of ECP administered shall be documented in the patient's medical record.

#### **Conclusions**

- Cellular therapy standards ensure high quality products
  - standardize processes related to collection, processing & administration
- The standards are based on scientific literature, clinical practice, governmental regulations & field input
- It is important to become Familiar with the Standards (especially changes Use the 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> edition crosswalk)





## B/CM/C 6: Donor Section Main Issues

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