

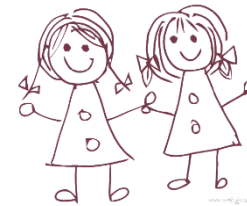
## Cell Processing Labs, Your Best Friends

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# Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Examine TNC optimization processes.
- Provide examples of processing techniques to enhance the quality of products.
- Evaluate best practices in cellular therapy processing.





# Cell Processing Labs: Your Best Friends!

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# Cell Processing Labs: Your Best Friends!

Brief description of our center

Total Nucleated Counts

Neutrophils

Hematocrit

What your best friends can do for you

What you can do for your best friends



# Dartmouth- Hitchcock Medical Center

Apheresis Center  
(Blood Donor Program)

Collection Center  
(Blood and Marrow  
Transplant)

Processing Lab (Cellular  
Therapy Center)

Transplant Center  
(Blood and Marrow  
Transplant)

Patient (Hematology  
Special Care Unit)





# AC / CC to TC

NMDP AC

NMDP CC



Cellular Therapy Center (Processing Lab)



Patient

BMT Hematology Special Care Unit



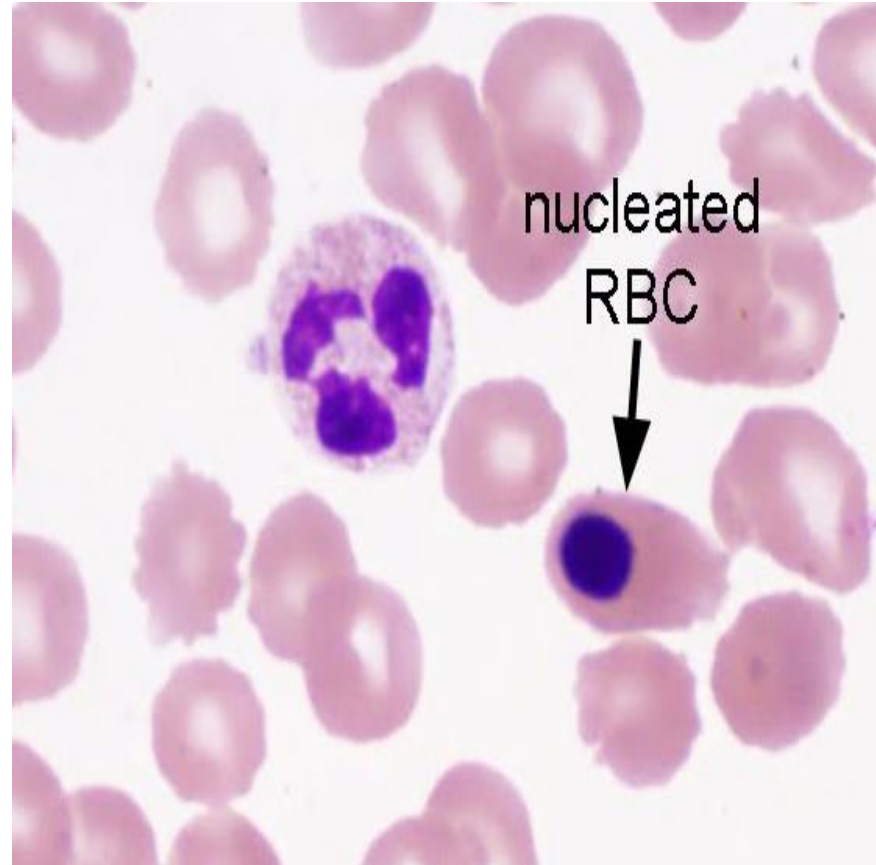
# Product Analysis: Total Nucleated Count

Total Nucleated Count is the measurement of the number of nucleated cells and includes white blood cells (WBC) and nucleated red blood cells (NRBCs)

## Methodology

Automated analyzer. Can change mode to discount NRBCs. Examples include Sysmex, Coulter, Advia

Manual WBC count – WBCs are counted on a hemocytometer under a microscope







# Why is the TNC important?

TNC x volume yields the total number of nucleated cells in the product. When the % of CD34 positive cells is known, that is used to calculate the total number of stem cells in the product.

A high TNC can be diluted prior to shipment to insure better viability. Several studies have found that hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) products can be stored 48 hours or more without significant loss of viability of CD34+ cells if the products are stored at 4°C and cell concentrations are not too high.





# Hematopoietic Progenitor Cells, Marrow HPC(M)

## Hematopoietic Progenitor Cells

The good stuff

### RBCs

Hematocrit is very high, not the best choice for ABORh  
Incompatible transplants

### NRBCs

Lots. Automated cell counts can ID these, but product analysis  
doesn't differentiate

### FAT

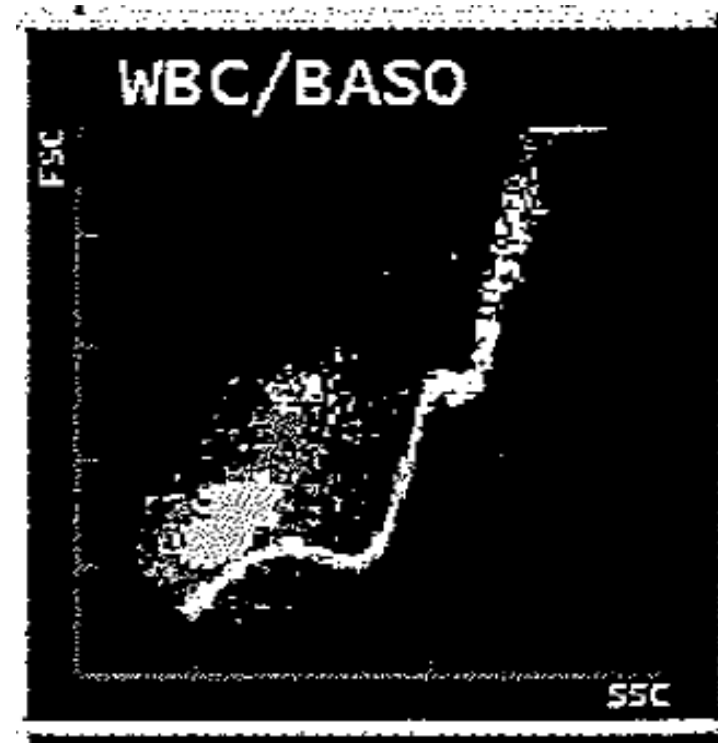
Shows up as a streak on hemogram



# HPC(M) TNC

Accurate marrow total nucleated cell (TNC) counts are essential for effective monitoring of bone marrow collection and processing. Aspirated marrow is variably contaminated by fat particles, resulting in overestimation of marrow TNC by automated analyzers.

Picture of Hemogram showing fat streak





# HPC(M) TNC – What to do?

The TNC during marrow harvest is often higher than the post TNC performed by the CTC.

We compared WBC counts by automated analyzer and Flow Cytometry. Flow counts were lower because prep included washing to remove fat and the antibodies used did not count NRBCs

Verify what methods your center uses and use it consistently - All manual counts? NRBCs included? Samples washed?



# What else effects HPC(M) TNC?

The cell density of a bone marrow harvest positively correlates with donor body weight and peripheral white blood cell count  $P = 0.0475$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ , but negatively correlated with the total volume of bone marrow harvest  $P < 0.0001$



# Product Analysis: Differential

The differential totals the number of each type of WBC. Can be performed manually or automated.

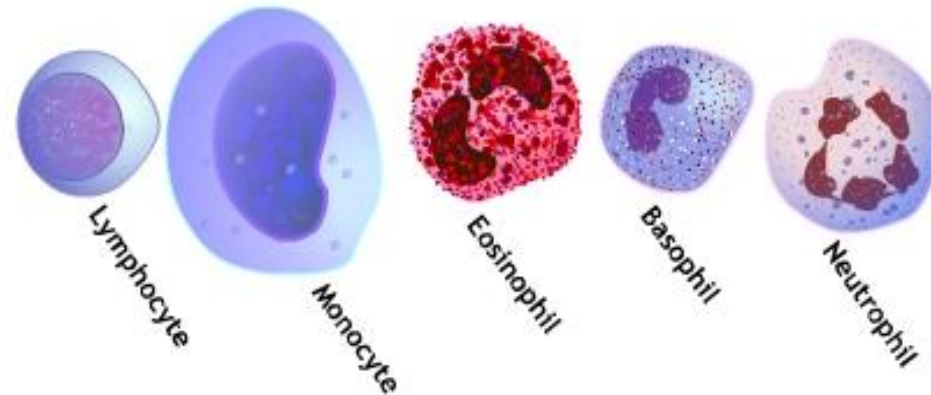
Lymphocytes

Monocytes

Eosinophils

Basophils

Neutrophils







# Why is the Differential Important?

Neutrophils both viable and dead cells, and cellular debris (membranes, granule contents, and cytokines) play a direct causal role in the pathobiology of infusion-related toxicities.

Investigators have suggested a variety of ways to address the issue of toxicity because of high granulocyte content of the cryopreserved PBSC product. At the time of collection, obtaining high-quality apheresis products with minimal contamination by mature myeloid cells is desirable.





# Product Analysis: Hematocrit

The Hematocrit is the proportion, by volume, of the product that consists of red blood cells.

Why is the Hematocrit important?







ABO Incompatible transplants. Processing of Major and Bidirectional incompatible transplants can lead to loss of stem cells. The lower the hematocrit, the less likely the need to remove RBCs.



# Your best friends help by

Making ISBT 128  
Collection labels for  
the AC and CC

Re-labeling Products  
for Shipment

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <br>W1383 17 000450 S V |   |
| Collection<br>Date/Time  | For Use by Intended<br>Recipient(s) Only  |
| <br>0170871605          |   |
| 28 MAR 2017 16:05 EST  | Unrelated Donor   |
| (28 MAR, 2017 20:05 UTC)   | Donor ID:    |
| Do Not Irradiate<br>Do Not Use Leukoreduction Filters  |   |
| <br>S1128400 DESIGNATED |   |
| HPC, APHERESIS<br>Mobilized  | Infuse Within 48 Hours of Collection or<br>as Soon as Feasible  |
| Total Volume 280 mL containing<br>approx 30 mL Citrate<br>Store at 1 to 10 C                               | Intended Recipient:<br><br>Recipient ID:  |
| Caution: New Drug--Limited by United<br>States law to investigational use.                                 |   |



# You can help your best friends

## NMDP VERIFICATION OF HPC, APHERESIS REQUEST

Verify special  
instructions

Complete FIN number

| SECTION ONE – COMPLETED BY THE DONOR CENTER  |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
|--|-------|----------------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Total CD34+ Cells Requested:   |       | _____ x 10 ^ 6 |         | Recipient weight: _____ kg |                     |                              |
| Collections are dictated either by the feasibility of obtaining the total CD34+ count requested using pre-apheresis CD34+ testing or by <u>recipient</u> body weight, as outlined per the NMDP protocol. |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
| Samples to be collected for <u>each</u> apheresis:   |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
| Peripheral Blood   | Day 1 | ml ACD         | ml EDTA | ml Heparin                 | ml no anticoagulant |                              |
|  | Day 2 | ml ACD         | ml EDTA | ml Heparin                 | ml no anticoagulant |                              |
| Product  | Day 1 | ml ACD         | ml EDTA | ml Heparin                 | ml no anticoagulant |                              |
|  | Day 2 | ml ACD         | ml EDTA | ml Heparin                 | ml no anticoagulant |                              |
| Other, please specify: _____   |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
| Storage/transport conditions are 1-10° Celsius (per protocol) unless otherwise noted here: _____   |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
| Unique TC Requirements (including media/additives and plasma) <input type="checkbox"/> None or _____   |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
| _____ / ____ / ____  |       |                |         |                            |                     |                              |
| Donor Center Signature   |       |                |         | Month                      | Day                 | Year                         |
| SECTION TWO – COMPLETED BY THE APHERESIS CENTER  |       |                |         | FIN #:                     |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |



# Your best friends help by

Completing Product Analysis  
Forms

Faxing forms to Transplant  
Center and Donor Center  
ASAP

CIBMTR 2006 Forms

## Product Analysis

1. What was the PBSC product volume at the time of analysis?

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ mL

## Hematology

2. Date of sample collection:

\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_  
YYYY MM DD

3. WBC:

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ x 10<sup>9</sup>/L

4. Hematocrit:

\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ %

5. Platelets:

\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ x 10<sup>9</sup>/L



# You can help your best friends

## NMDP VERIFICATION OF HPC, APHERESIS REQUEST

Verify Product samples –  
Most labs do not want a  
product sample. If they  
need they can pull directly  
from bag.



| SECTION ONE – COMPLETED BY THE DONOR CENTER   |       |                         |         |   |                     |
|---|-------|-------------------------|---------|---|---------------------|
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| Unique TC Requirements (including media/additives and plasma) <input type="checkbox"/> None or _____  |       |                         |         |   |                     |
| Donor Center Signature  |       | _____<br>Month Day Year |         |   |                     |
| SECTION TWO – COMPLETED BY THE APHERESIS CENTER   |       |                         |         | FIN #: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                     |





# Your best friends help by

Contacting TC about strange requests

Do you really want 10 mL of product in a purple top?

Consulting with Coordinators

Regarding special handling instructions

Regarding T Cell requests



# You can help your best friends

## DONOR WORKUP REQUEST

Verify fax number is  
present for CD34  
results

Product Delivery Information:

Attn/Name:

NMDP Transplant Center Name:

Address:

City, State, Country

Telephone number:

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### 6. Day of Collection Samples

A minimum of 10 mls of donor peripheral blood must accompany each product collected (used for ABO and Rh confirmation).

Indicate the type of tube(s) required by the transplant center:

|                            | Peripheral Blood           |                      | Product                    |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
|                            | Day 1<br>(marrow and PBSC) | Day 2<br>(PBSC only) | Day 1<br>(marrow and PBSC) | Day 2<br>(PBSC only) |
| Red Top (No Anticoagulant) | ml                         | ml                   | MI                         | ml                   |
| Yellow Top (ACD)           | ml                         | ml                   | MI                         | ml                   |
| Green Top (Sodium Heparin) | ml                         | ml                   | MI                         | ml                   |
| Purple Top (EDTA)          | ml                         | ml                   | MI                         | ml                   |

6.1. Apheresis Center: Fax CD34+ results to the following number



# Tips to optimize product @

## Collection

Minimize RBC Content

Minimize Neutrophils

## Shipping

Ship cold

Dilute with  
Concurrent Plasma,  
Apheresis

## Documentation

Fax info to DC and TC  
ASAP





# Resources

## **Analysis of the Recovery of Cryopreserved and Thawed CD34+ and CD3+ Cells Collected for Hematopoietic Transplantation**

Virginia Fisher, Hanh Khuu, Virginia David-OCampo, Karen Byrne, Steven Pavletic, Michael Bishop, Daniel H. Fowler, A. John Barrett, and David F. Stroncek

## **Limiting the Daily Total Nucleated Cell Dose of Cryopreserved Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Products for Autologous Transplantation Improves Infusion-Related Safety with No Adverse Impact on Hematopoietic Engraftment**

Nandita Khera, Jack Jinneman, Barry E. Storer, Shelly Heimfeld, Megan M.O'Meara, Thomas R. Chauncey, Stephanie J. Lee, Michael Linenberger

## **Correction of Bone Marrow Nucleated Cell Counts for the Presence of Fat Particles**

Stuart A. Bentley, Michael A. Taylor, Donna E. Killian, Susan B. Schoultz, Laura McLannan, Connie A. Bishop, Thomas C. Shea, Mark E. Brecher

## **Correlation between characteristics of unrelated bone marrow donor and cell density of total nucleated cell in bone marrow harvest.**

Kao RH, Li CC, Shaw CK, Wang TF, Chu SC, Chen SH, Yao CY, Huang KP, Wu YF.





Thank you and...

Please reach out if you have  
questions

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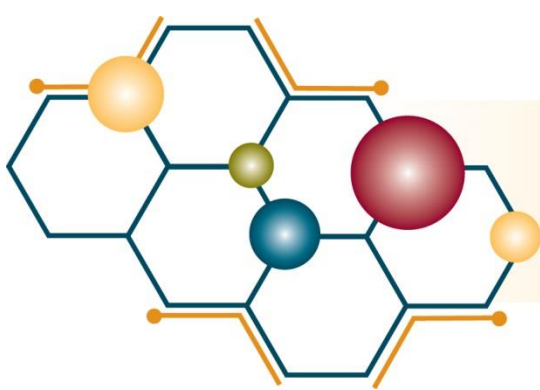
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THERAPEUTICS

# HPCs: Collection, Shipment/Storage, and Processing

*Cell Processing Labs, Your Best Friends*  
*NMDP Council Meeting*  
*November 11, 2017*

*David H. McKenna, M.D.*



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# HPC Graft Sources

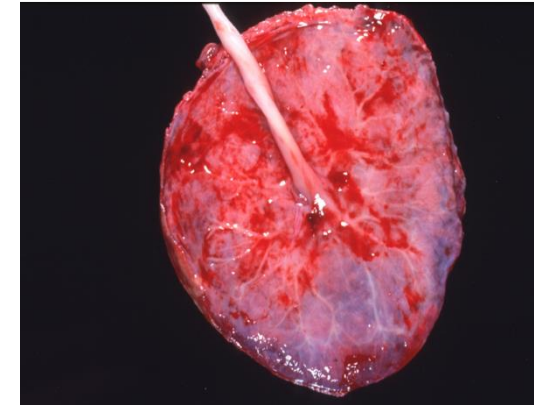
Bone Marrow



Peripheral Blood

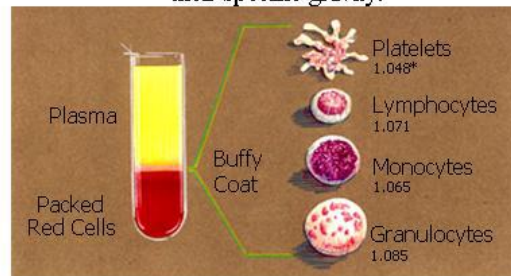


Umbilical Cord Blood



## Centrifugal Separation

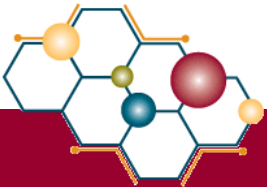
Centrifugal force separates cells based on their specific gravity.



\*Average specific gravity of cell type shown



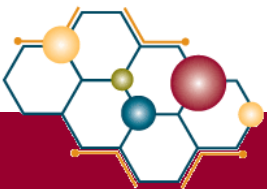
Photos from [www.fenwalinc.com](http://www.fenwalinc.com)





# Bone Marrow: General

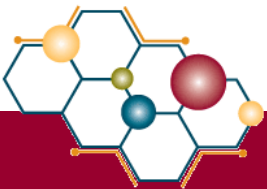
- Original source of HPCs (~1% in marrow)
- OR harvest under general anesthesia
- 10-15 mL/kg recipient weight (target dose  $2-4 \times 10^8$  NCs/kg) = roughly 1L with adult
- Advantages:
  - 1 procedure
  - Lower T cell content
  - Less chronic GVHD than PB





# Peripheral Blood: General

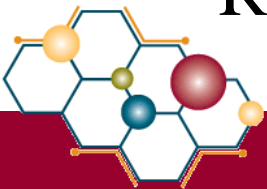
- More commonly used than BM (auto/allo)
- Requires mobilization (e.g., G-CSF) and apheresis
- Target dose  $5 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg
- Advantages:
  - No anesthesia/hospitalization
  - More rapid engraftment
  - Possibly less tumor cell contamination (auto)





# Umbilical Cord Blood: General

- Collected from placenta
  - OB staff vs. dedicated staff
  - In utero vs. ex utero
- Banked (public vs. private)
- Minimum dose:  $1.7\text{-}2.0 \times 10^5$  CD34+ cells/kg
- Advantages:
  - No risk to donor
  - Decreased search time
  - Decreased severity of GVHD
  - Reduced HLA match requirements

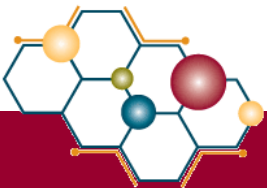




# The characteristics of the HPCs...

- Volume
- NC count/[NC]
- RBC type and content
- Platelet content
- Plasma...

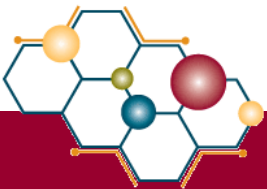
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downstream handling...**





# Bone Marrow: Characteristics

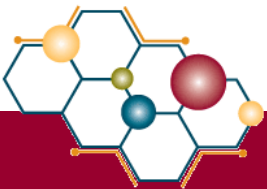
- 1 L total volume
- $2 \times 10^{10}$  TNC
- $20 \times 10^6$  NC/mL
- Hematocrit  $\sim 40\% = 400$  mL of RBCs
- Plasma volume  $\sim 600$  mL
- Platelets, fat





# Peripheral Blood: Characteristics

- 200-300 mL total volume
- $\geq 4 \times 10^{10}$  TNC
- $>200 \times 10^6/\text{mL}$
- $<10 \text{ mL RBCs}$





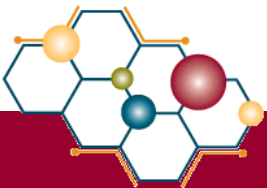
# Umbilical Cord Blood: Characteristics

- 25 mL total volume
- $1-2 \times 10^9$  TNC
- $60 \times 10^6$  NC /mL
- <5 mL of RBCs
- 10% DMSO





# Shipment/Storage

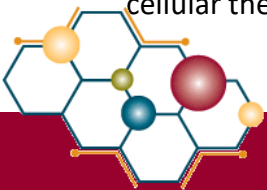




# BEST Transportation Survey

- 194 respondents, 90% shipped or received CT products
- 82% specified the conditions for temperature in transit
- 57% monitored temperature in transit
  - 74% of these used a data logger
- Temperature range most commonly specified was 18-24 °C
- Survey respondents indicated a wide range of shipping temperatures and most indicated 'no adjustment required' of cell concentration for Therapeutic Cells (e.g., DLI)

Pamphilon DH, Selogie E & Szczepiorkowski ZM. Transportation of cellular therapy products: report of a survey by the cellular therapies team of the Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion (BEST) collaborative. Vox Sanguinis (2010); 99: 168–173.





## Validation of short-term handling and storage conditions for marrow and peripheral blood stem cell products

*Grace S. Kao, Haesook T. Kim, Heather Daley, Jerome Ritz, Scott R. Burger, Linda Kelley, Cynthia Vierra-Green, Sue Flesch, Stephen Spellman, John Miller, and Dennis Confer*

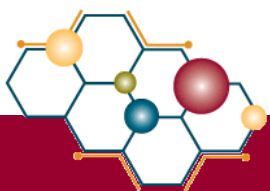
**BACKGROUND:** Allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplants from unrelated donors are routinely used in the treatment of patients with hematologic malignancies. These cellular products are often collected off-site and require transport from the collection site to transplantation centers. However, the effects of transport conditions and media on stem cell graft composition during short-term storage have not been well described.

**STUDY DESIGN AND METHODS:** Five bone marrow (BM), four filgrastim-mobilized peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC), and four nonmobilized peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMNC) products were collected from healthy volunteer donors and stored at 4 or 20°C for up to 72 hours in 10% PlasmaLyte A plus anticoagulants such as 10% acid citrate dextran-A (ACD-A) and/or 10 IU/mL heparin. Products were evaluated at 0, 24, 48, and 72 hours for cellular content, viability, and metabolic activities.

**RESULTS:** BM products maintained equivalent cell viability when stored at either 4 or 20°C over 72 hours, but cell viability was better maintained for PBSC products stored at 4°C. The mean viable CD34+ cell recovery for PBSC and BM products stored over 72 hours at 4°C was higher than 75%. Significantly lower CD34+ cell and colony-forming unit recoveries were seen in PBSC products but not BM products stored at room temperature. Faster lactic acid accumulation was observed in PBMNC and PBSC products stored without ACD-A.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Seventy-two-hour storage of BM, PBSC, and PBMNC products at refrigerated temperature maintains optimal cell viability and recovery. Anticoagulation with ACD-A is preferred over heparin to reduce lactic acid accumulation in the product media.

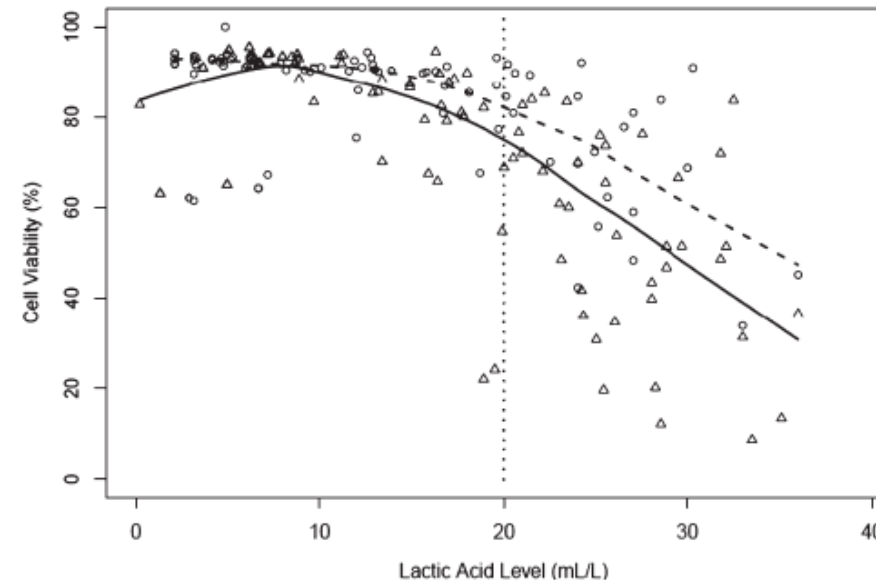
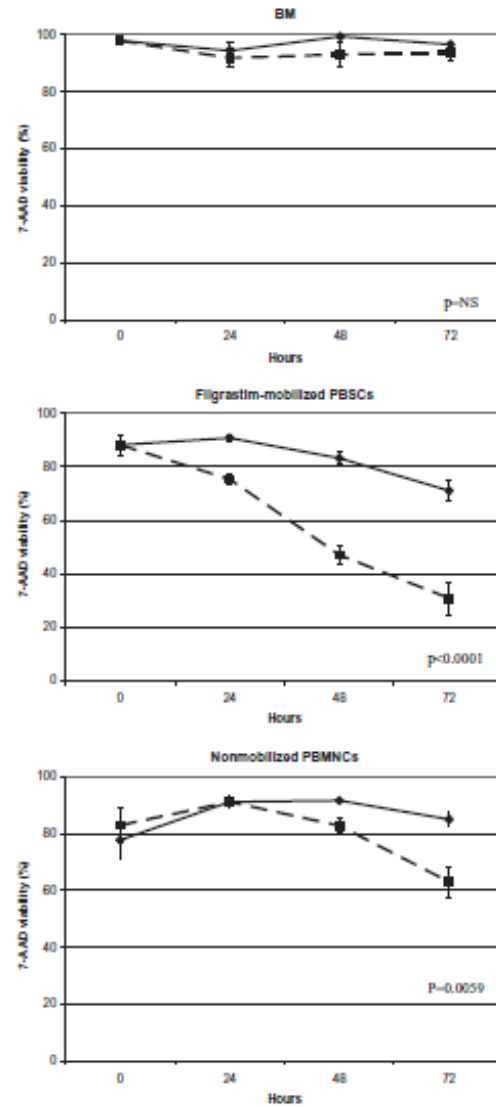
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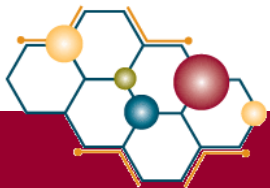


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# UCB Storage/Shipment

**Storage characteristics of cord blood progenitor cells: report of a multicenter study by the cellular therapies team of the Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion (BEST) Collaborative**

*Derwood Pamphilon, Elinor Curnow, Helen Belfield, Jo-Anna Reems, John McMannis, Lucilla Lecchi, Zbigniew Szczepiorkowski, and David McKenna*

- Collections maintained at 4°C retained higher TNC counts, MNC counts and CD45+ cell viability over a 72-96 hr storage period
- Recommend cool storage and processing in <48 hours (ASAP)

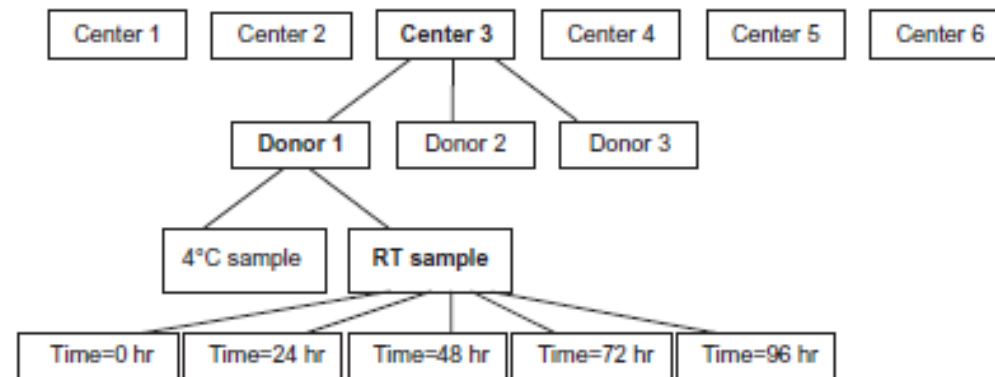
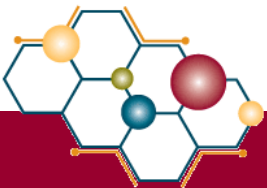


Fig. 1. Schematic of data model. Hierarchical ANOVA was performed, with center treated as a between-donor effect and temperature and time as within-donor effects.

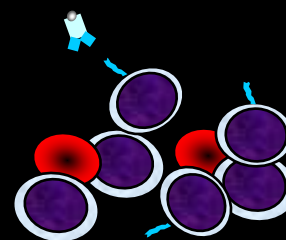
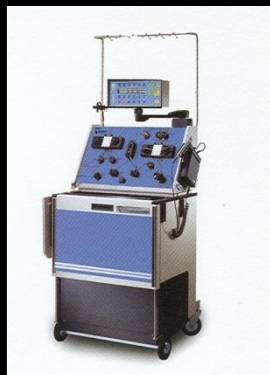
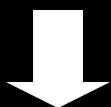
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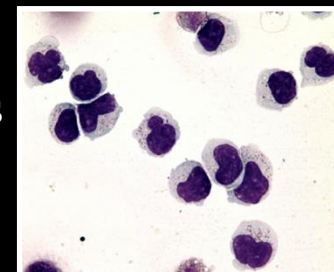


# Non-Mobilized Apheresis MNC

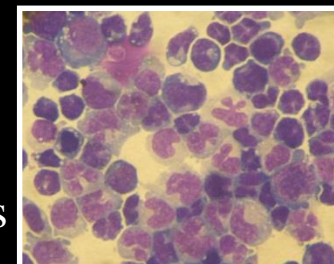
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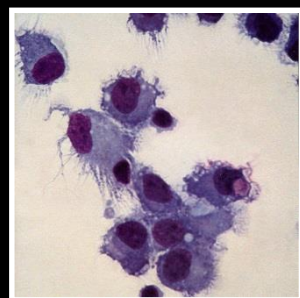
NK cells



Treg cells



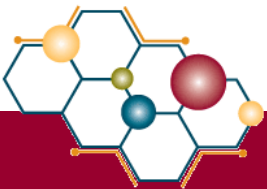
- Donor lymphocyte infusion
- CAR-T cells
- Viral-specific T cells
- Etc...





# Previous Studies of Non-mobilized MNC Apheresis Collections

- Single center studies
- Small 'n'
  - typically more focused on mobilized apheresis
- Cell concentration
  - often not modified
- Storage solutions
  - typically just anticoagulant
- Type of bag
  - Transfer bag (non-breathable) vs apheresis bag (breathable)

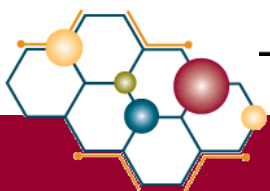
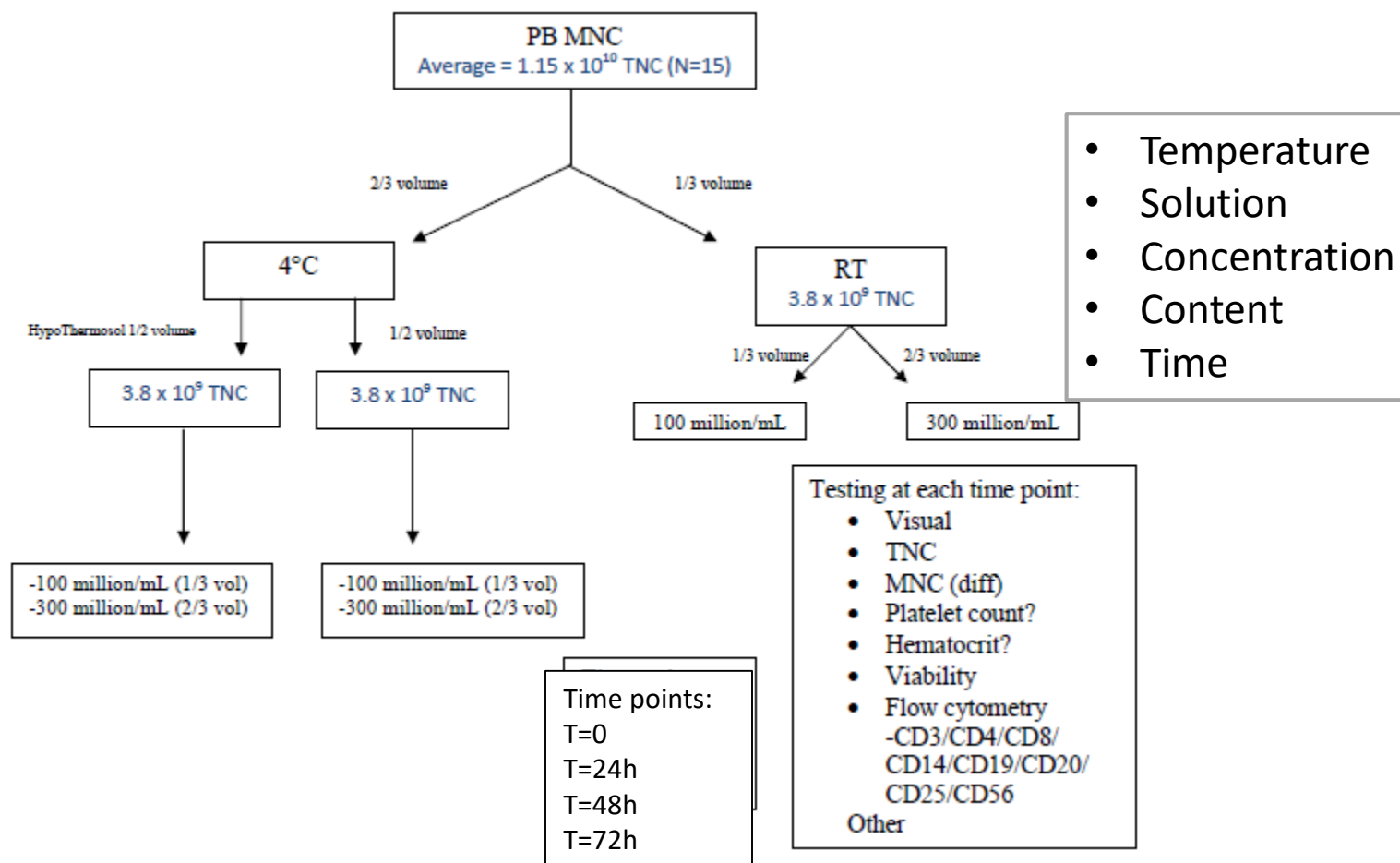




# Optimization of Storage Conditions for Apheresis Research (OSCAR)



- 4 centers; n = 15



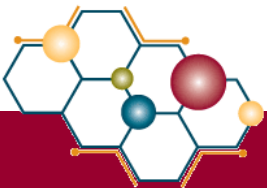
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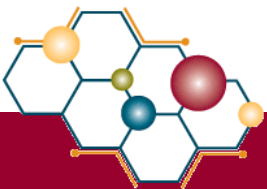




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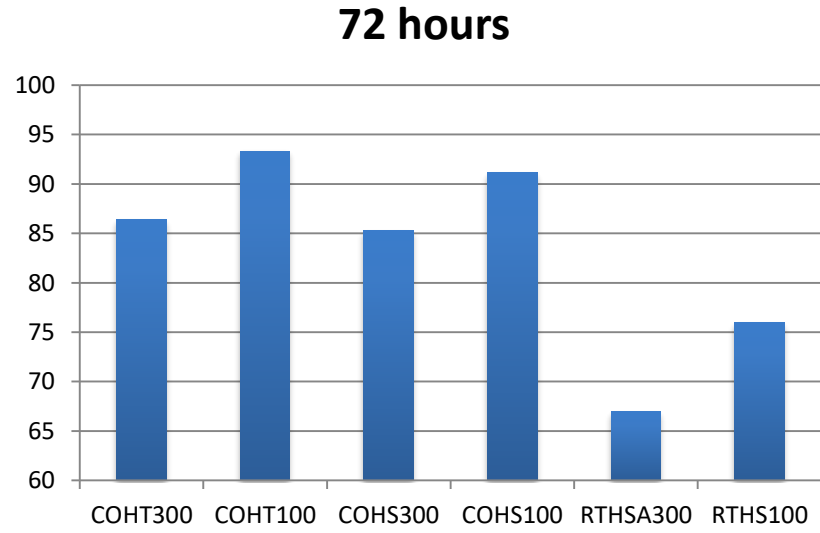
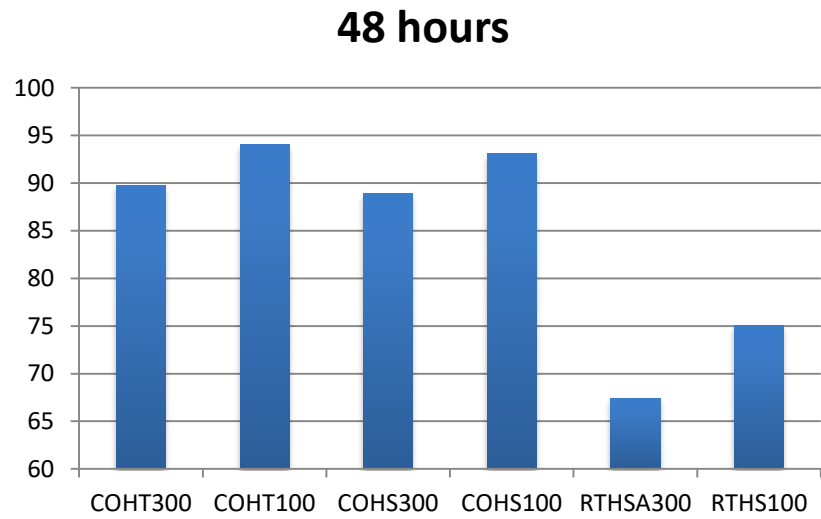
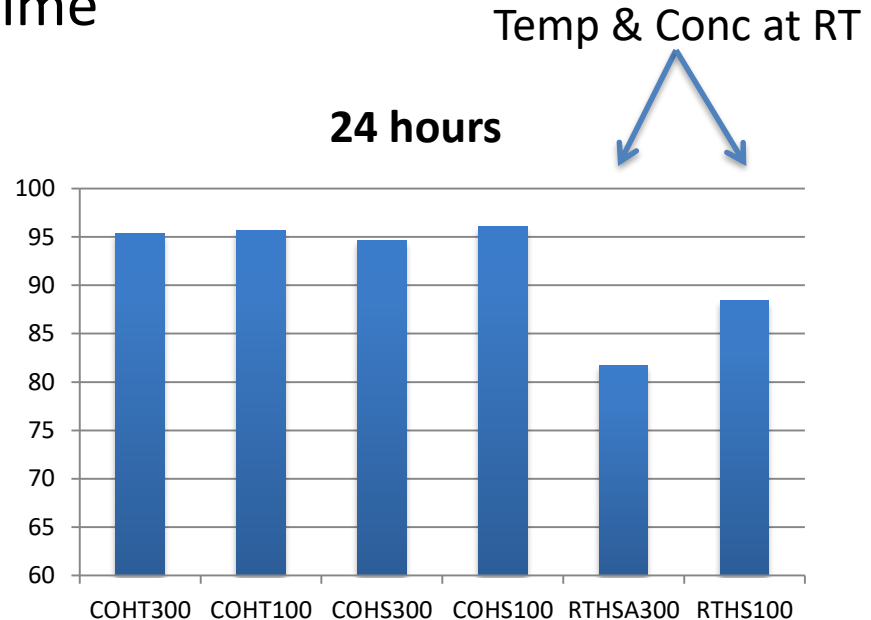
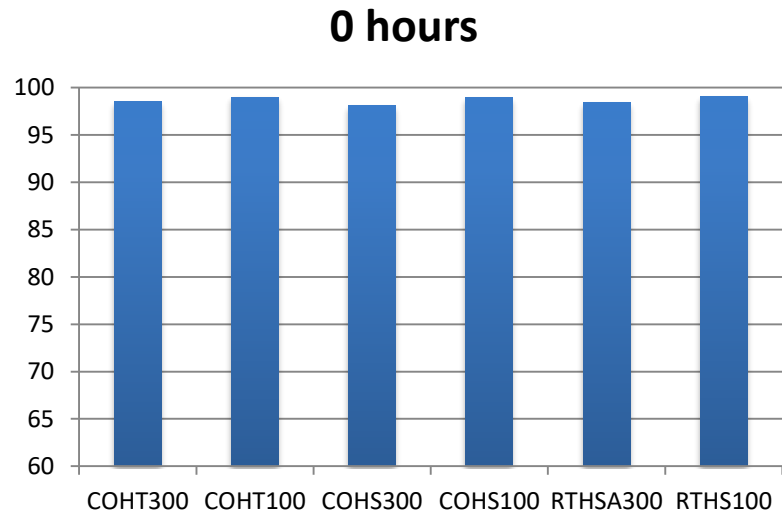


- Visual –
  - Cold (HT and HSA) – OK
  - RT (HSA) –
    - 300M/mL small aggregates at 72h (NIH1)
    - 300M/mL clots at 48h and 72h (MN3)
    - 300M/mL “clumpy” at 72h (Dart1)
    - 300M/mL “funky!” at 48h (Dart3)
    - 100M/mL clots at 48h and 72h (MN3)





# All products, all sites. Average viability versus time



Conc at Cold Temp

Continued from 24 hrs

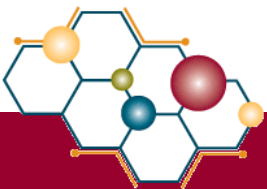
Cold Temp/Low Conc - BEST



# Summary

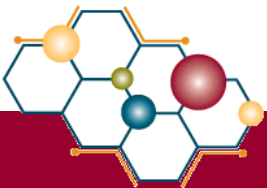


- Aggregates/clumping most noted at RT and higher cell concentration (300 M/mL) in HSA
- Cold temperature storage is best for non-mob MNC
  - Evident by 24 hrs
- Cell concentration becomes a factor by 24 hrs at room temperature and 48 hrs at cold temperature





# Cell Processing





# Why manipulate an HPC graft?

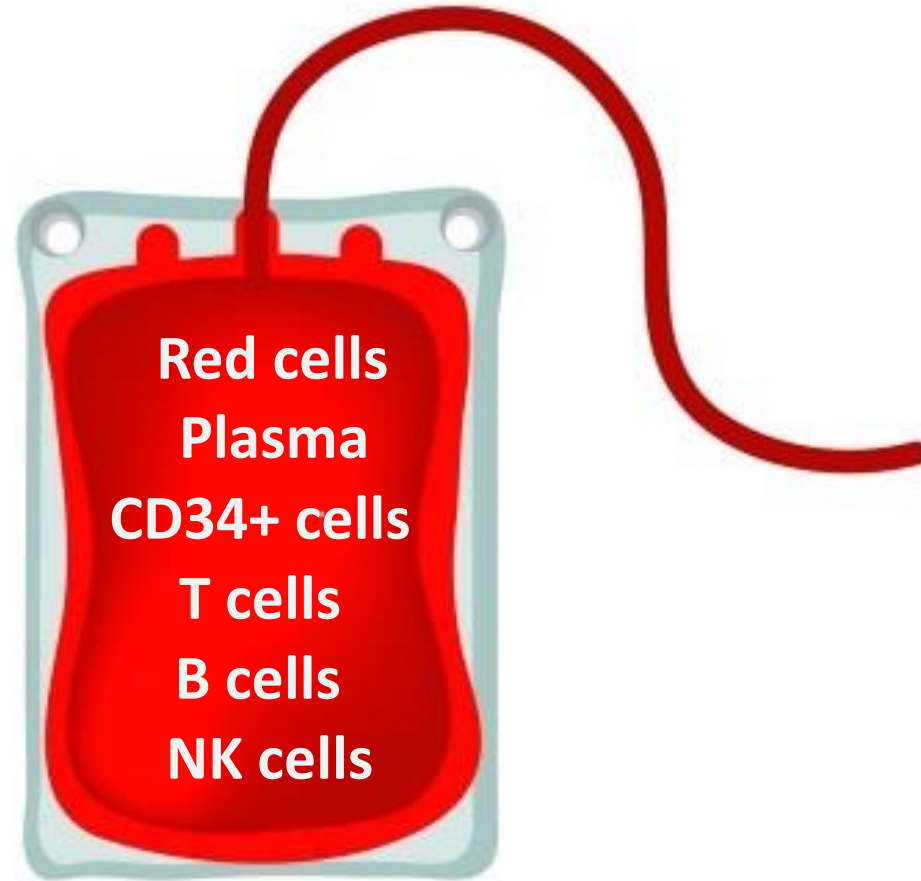
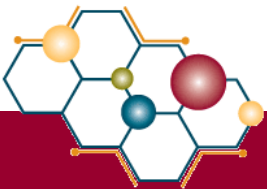


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# Routine Cell Processing Methods

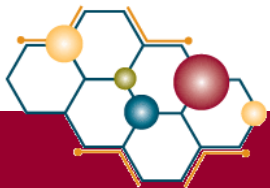
## Procedure

Volume reduction (plasma depletion)

Red blood cell depletion

Buffy coat preparation

Thawing, washing, and filtration



## Application

Reduction of incompatible plasma (minor ABO mismatch); Prevention of volume overload in recipient; Concentration of cells for cryopreservation

Reduction of incompatible red cell (major ABO or other antigen mismatch); Maximization of storage space; Limitation of infusion of lysed red cells and free hemoglobin (cryopreserved products)

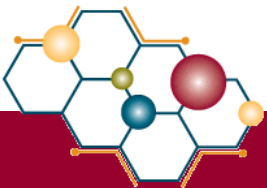
Maximization of storage space; Debulking of red cells prior to further manipulation

Preparation of HSC products prior to infusion



# The lab is integral in guiding patient care...

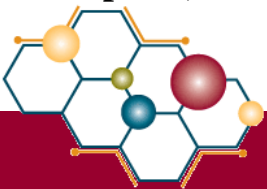
- ~ *Patient Safety*
- ~ *Quality Improvement*
- ~ *Process Improvement*





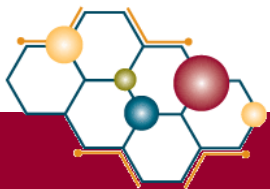
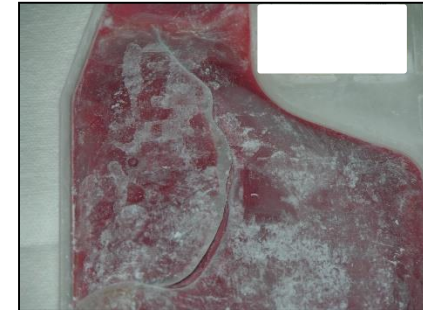
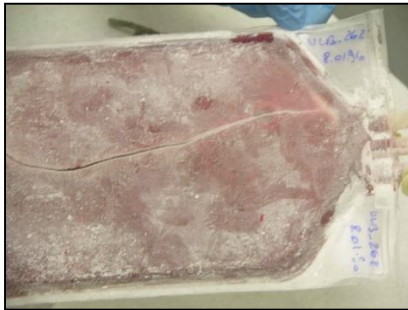


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# Personal experience...





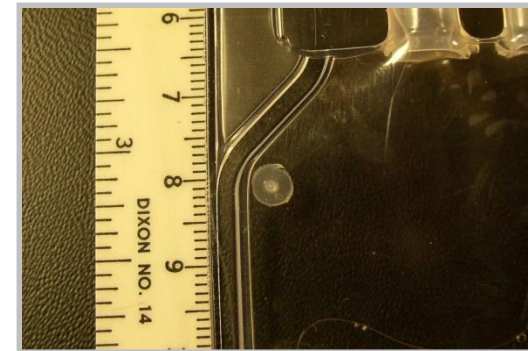
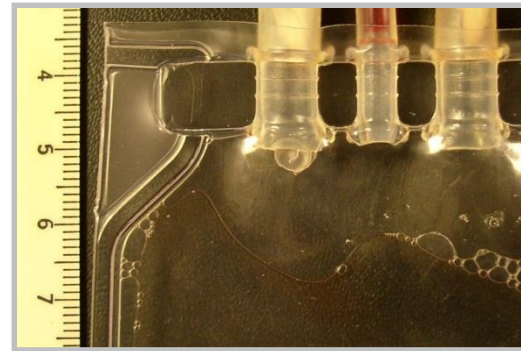
# Assessment of UCB Bag Breaks

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## Loss of integrity of umbilical cord blood unit freezing bags: description and consequences

*Bharat Thyagarajan, Michael Berger, Darin Sumstad, and David H. McKenna, Jr*

**Transfusion 2008; 48(6): 1138-1142.**



Khoo HM, et al. *Cytotherapy* 2002; 4(6): 539-549.



# Impact of Filtration (SBF) on UCB

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Postthaw filtration of umbilical cord blood does not affect product quality or likelihood of engraftment

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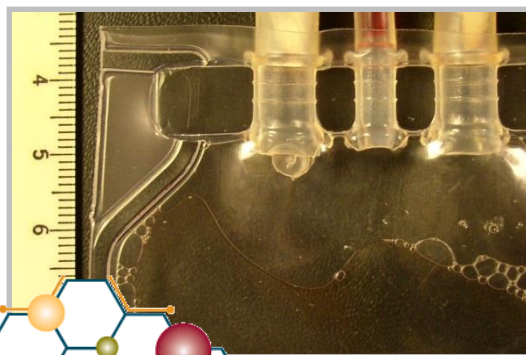
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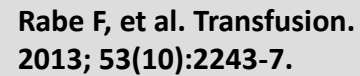
**TABLE 1. Summary of change in product QC testing after filtration (postfilter value minus prefilter value)**

| QC testing                              | Mean (SD)      | Median (range)          | Paired t test p value |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| TNC dose ( $\times 10^6/\text{kg}$ )    | -0.005 (0.012) | 0.00 (-0.04 to 0.01)    | 0.095                 |
| CD34 dose ( $\times 10^6/\text{kg}$ )   | -0.033 (0.090) | 0.00 (-0.30 to 0.13)    | 0.130                 |
| CFU (colonies per million cells plated) | 50.7 (280.1)   | -12.0 (-406.0 to 881.0) | 0.440                 |
| Viability (%)                           | -2.2% (4.7%)   | -2.0% (-9.0% to 8.0%)   | 0.057                 |

Transfusion. 2011 Oct;51(10):2257-8.









# Detection of Mislabeled UCB Units

## Mislabeled units of umbilical cord blood detected by a quality assurance program at the transplantation center

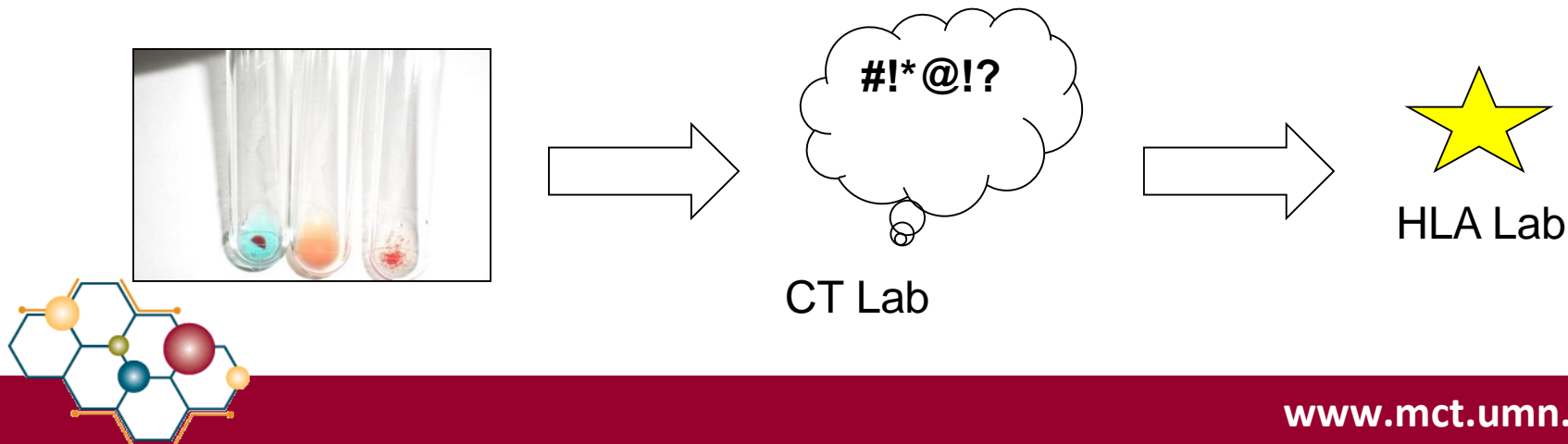
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We instituted procedures to check the identity of cord blood unit provided for transplantation by carrying out ABO and human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing of the thawed units before transplantation. ABO typing is done using standard techniques. Rapid HLA class I serology is with monoclonal antibody trays (One Lambda Inc) using standard incubations. One mis-

labeled umbilical cord blood (UCB) unit was detected on the day of intended transplantation by repeat ABO typing of the thawed unit at our transplantation center. Because ABO typing will not detect all labeling errors, the rapid serologic class I HLA typing procedure was done on thawed units just before transplantation for all units without an attached seg-

ment. This procedure identified a second mislabeled unit. In a 6-year period, 2 of 871 (0.2%) cord blood units sent to us for transplantation were mislabeled and potentially would have been transplanted incorrectly. This error rate of 1 per 249 (0.4%) patients could have potentially devastating consequences. (Blood. 2009; 114:1684-1688)





# Guiding Patient Care...

## Development and operation of a quality assurance system for deviations from standard operating procedures in a clinical cell therapy laboratory

D McKenna, Jr<sup>1</sup>, D Kadidlo<sup>2</sup>, D Sumstad<sup>2</sup> and J McCullough<sup>1,2</sup>

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CYTOTHERAPY 2003;5(4):314-322.

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### Cell loss and recovery in umbilical cord blood processing: a comparison of postthaw and postwash samples

Vincent Laroche, David H. McKenna, Gary Moroff, Therese Schierman, Diane Kadidlo, and  
Jeffrey McCullough

TRANSFUSION 2005;45:1909-1916.

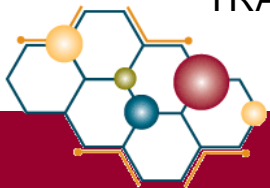
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### Issues in the quality of umbilical cord blood stem cells for transplantation

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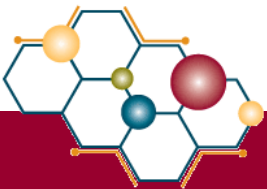
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# Collection\*

**\*if time permits**



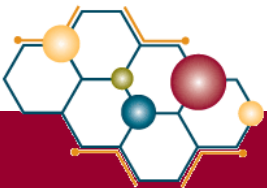


# Rate/Impact of Contamination

Klein, et al (BBMT 2006):

- Retrospective analysis of 2,935 HSCs (1990-2004)
- 36/2,935 (**1.2%**) contaminated
  - See table (next slide) for breakdown
- Coag-neg Staph (19)
- **One death day +7 post tx (Pseudomonas cepacia)**
- **No additional adverse sequelae**

Klein M, et al. Microbial contamination of hematopoietic stem cell products: incidence and clinical sequela. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2006 Nov;12(11):1142-9.





# Rate/Impact of Contamination

**Table 1. Microbially Contaminated Stem Cell Products**

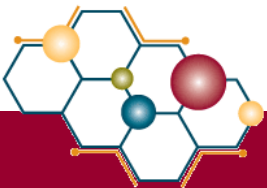
| HSC Product  | Preprocessing* | Postprocessing* | At Thaw* | Total | Total HSC Products† | Incidence of Contamination (%) |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>BM</b>    | 13             | 9               | 1        | 22    | 1666                | 1.3                            |
| Allogeneic   | 10             | 5               | 0        | 15    | 1257                | 1.2                            |
| Autologous   | 3              | 4               | 1        | 8     | 409                 | 2.0                            |
| <b>PBSC</b>  | 4              | 2               | 0        | 6     | 919                 | 0.7                            |
| Allogeneic   | 1              | 0               | 0        | 1     | 296                 | 0.3                            |
| Autologous   | 3              | 2               | 0        | 5     | 623                 | 0.8                            |
| <b>UCB</b>   | 3              | 4               | 0        | 7     | 350                 | 2.0                            |
| Related      | 3              | 2               | 0        | 5     | 18                  | 27.8 *                         |
| Unrelated    | 0              | 2               | 0        | 2     | 332                 | 0.6                            |
| <b>Total</b> | 20             | 15              | 1        | 36    | 2935                | 1.2                            |

HSC indicates hematopoietic stem cell; BM, bone marrow; PBSC, peripheral blood stem cell; UCB, umbilical cord blood.

\*Phase in processing when contamination occurred.

†Total number of the type of product infused at our center during study period.

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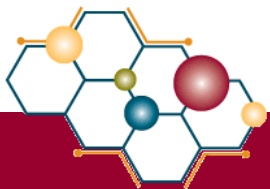




# Rate/Impact of Contamination

- Padley D, et al (Transfusion 2007):
  - Retrospective analysis of 7,233 HSCs (1998-2006)
  - 119/7,233 (**1.6%**) contaminated
    - See table (next slide) for breakdown
  - Coag-neg Staph (73)
  - **No adverse sequelae**

Padley D, et al. Sterility testing of hematopoietic progenitor cell products: a single-institution series of culture-positive rates and successful infusion of culture-positive products. Transfusion. 2007;47(4):636-43.





# Rate/Impact of Contamination

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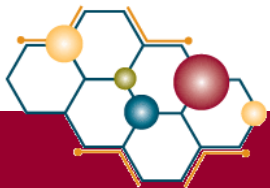
**TABLE 1. Product culture-positive rate\***

| Product                | Contamination rate | Excluding culture-positive donors† |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Apheresis PBPCs or DLI | 111/6975 (1.6)     | 80/6944 (1.2)                      |
| Marrow                 | 8/258 (3.1)        | 7/257 (2.7)                        |
| Total                  | 119/7233 (1.6)     | 87/7201 (1.2)                      |

\* Data are reported as number (%).

† Excluding products collected from donors that had documented positive cultures at the time of collection.

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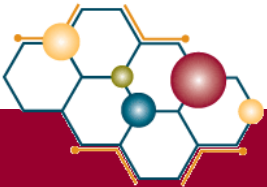
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**TABLE 2. Organisms isolated from HPC products**

| Organisms                             | Isolates | Infused |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|
|                                       |          | Total   | Autologous | Allogeneic |
| Coagulase negative staphylococci      | 73       | 57      | 49         | 8          |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>          | 8        | 5       | 1          | 4          |
| <i>Corynebacterium</i> sp.            | 7        | 5       | 4          | 1          |
| <i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>          | 6        | 6       | 6          | 0          |
| <i>Acinetobacter</i> sp.              | 3        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Moraxella</i> sp.                  | 2        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| <i>Micrococcus</i> sp.                | 3        | 2       | 1          | 1          |
| Gram-negative bacillus                | 3        | 3       | 3          | 0          |
| <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>   | 3        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>         | 2        | 2       | 2          | 0          |
| Acid-fast bacilli                     | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i>               | 1        | 1       | 0          | 1          |
| <i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>           | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| Filamentous fungus                    | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Propionibacterium</i> sp.          | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Ralstonia pickettii</i>            | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Staphylococcus hemolyticus</i>     | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Staphylococcus lugdunensis</i>     | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Streptococcus viridans</i>         | 1        | 1       | 1          | 0          |
| <i>Chaetomium</i> sp.                 | 1        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| <i>Chryseobacterium</i> sp.           | 1        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>        | 1        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| <i>Methylobacterium</i> sp.           | 1        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens/putida</i> | 1        | 0       | 0          | 0          |
| Group A streptococcus                 | 1        | 0       | 0          | 0          |

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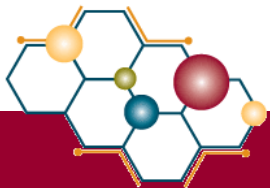


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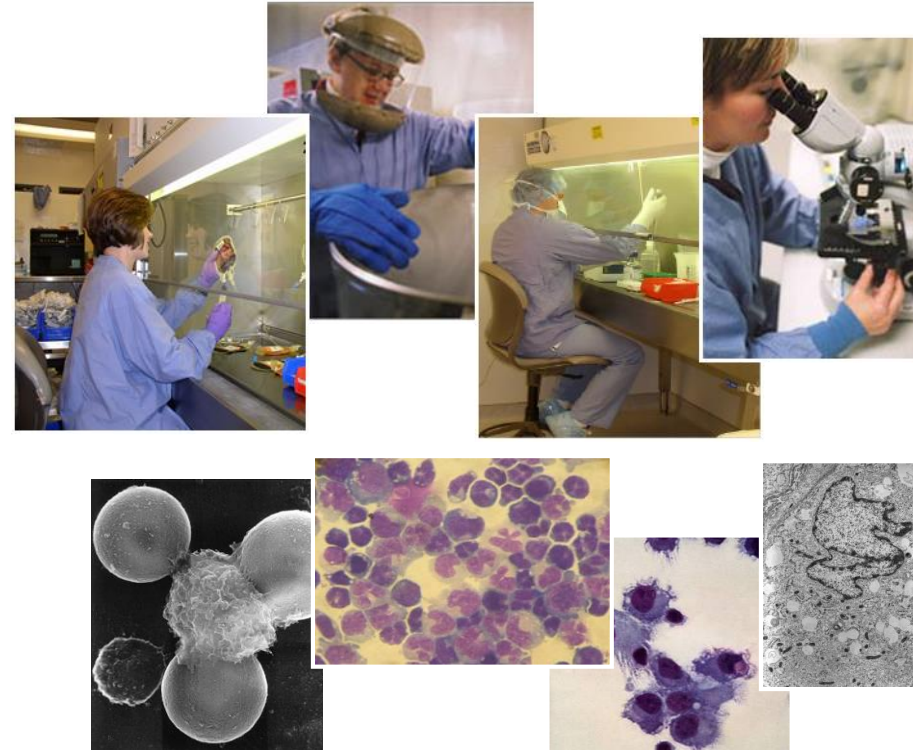
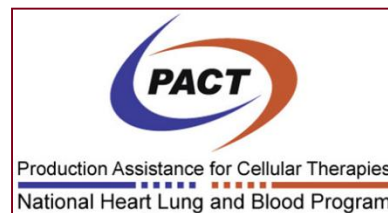
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