MEMORANDUM

To: US TC Medical Directors, Coordinators and Data Managers
From: Mary Halet and J. Douglas Rizzo, MD, MS
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Subject: Use of CIBMTR Recipient ID to track Cord Blood Units

The CIBMTR needs your help in ensuring that the quarterly report the CIBMTR sends to cord blood banks so they can meet their regulatory and accreditation requirements, is complete and accurate. These reports are generated from data submitted by the transplant center performing the transplant to the CIBMTR. When generating outcomes data reports for the respective cord blood banks, we have identified many cases where we are unable to properly link the cord blood unit, the cord blood bank and the recipient ID. This issue is of particular significance for shipments organized outside of the NMDP.

In order to resolve this issue, we are requesting that transplant centers provide the CIBMTR Recipient ID (CRID) to the cord blood bank at the time the unit is ordered for infusion. The CRID can be obtained many weeks before the transplant, therefore it should be feasible to provide it to the bank at the time the unit is ordered. The CRID is a unique identifier, but does not contain any private or confidential information. In addition, U.S. cord blood banks will be instructed to provide transplant centers with the unit ID number and bank name that should be used on outcomes data. These three elements – CRID, proper unit ID and bank name – are essential in assuring the data is accurately linked and shared appropriately. Should other errors be identified or if data is unable to be linked, CIBMTR staff will work with transplant center staff to make the necessary corrections.

If you have any questions on the outcome data reporting process, please feel free to contact either of us. Mary Halet can be reached at mhalet@nmdp.org and Dr. Rizzo can be reached at rizzo@mcw.edu.