MEMORANDUM

To: US Transplant Center Directors

From: Mary Halet, Roberta King, MPH and Douglas Rizzo, MD, MS

Date: March 12, 2009

Re: Collection of data from Transplant Centers for cord blood bank reports and center-specific analysis

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of two important CIBMTR projects that are requirements of the Stem Cell Act of 2005; 1) providing transplant outcome data to the cord blood banks and 2) performing the annual center-specific analysis. Both of these requirements can only be accomplished by the CIBMTR with the submission of complete and accurate data on all transplant recipients.

Because of changes in data requirements and systems, including early difficulties with FormsNet and the inability to provide Forms Due reports, there are a substantial number of CIBMTR forms that are overdue or incomplete. As a result the CIBMTR has not been able to provide complete reports to the cord blood banks or generate a complete data set for the 2009 center-specific analysis. Now that we can provide an accurate Forms Due Report to centers, we are in the process of making a large effort to collect outstanding data. We have asked data managers to help us in this endeavor by prioritizing submitting the data for cord blood recipients first, followed by the data for the unrelated donor transplants. The goal is to bring the cord blood banks up to date with outcomes data in order to meet accreditation requirements and prepare for FDA licensure and to have complete data for performing the center-specific analysis, which for 2009 will only include unrelated transplants. Liaison staff at CIBMTR has been working with your staff to make certain they understand the high importance of completing outstanding data forms for these recipients, and to resolve data discrepancies. Reporting of cord blood data within the next few weeks, followed by the reporting of unrelated adult donor data is the highest priority for the CIBMTR at this time.

There is no action required by you, other than to be aware of the current activity and efforts your data team is devoting to addressing this request. The CIBMTR is committed to providing accurate and complete data reports to the cord blood banks and providing an accurate center-specific analysis. We appreciate your help and support in this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions.