Dear CIBMTR U.S. Medical Directors and Data Managers / Clinical Research Professionals:

This is an update to broadcast emails sent Aug 24, 2009, or in some cases August 26, 2009.

CIBMTR has been working on recognized issues that were discovered with help of participating centers who visited the CIBMTR Portal Website to access their center’s HCT Volume Data. We greatly appreciate your feedback and would like you to revisit the Portal Website to review the revised reports. These reports are refreshed from data available in FormsNet™ 2.0 (FN2) as of September 1, 2009.

If you have previously responded to our request and now wish to change your ‘center status’ on CIBMTR Portal Website; please contact your center liaison for assistance.

The CIBMTR would like to thank all participating centers for submitting data on transplants performed in 2008.

We thank all of the participating centers who have visited the CIBMTR Portal Website to access their center’s HCT Volume Data since it was first made available on August 24th. CIBMTR has worked diligently to correct the issues identified below related to the data assembly from FN2 into the tables that were presented.

1. The age ranges 0-10 and 11-20 were presented as a single age range 0-20. They are now presented in correct age categories. Age is calculated based on the Date of Birth reported on form 2400 or 2000 (for subsequent HCT) in FormsNet. CIBMTR has noticed Date of Birth inconsistencies among forms in FN2 in a small percentage of cases, and has been contacting centers to resolve this issue.

2. Some HCTs using multiple Cord Blood units were represented as multiple transplants. Multiple cord blood HCTs should now be listed as a single HCT. If a cord blood was given together with another graft type in the same HCT event, these are listed as cord blood transplants.

3. In some cases, sequential tandem transplants were represented as single transplants. This has been corrected.

4. A few instances of transplants that were cancelled after completion of the pre-TED form were counted as having occurred. These have been removed from the center listings.

5. Race groups that roll-up to the 5 major categories shown on the pre-TED form may need to be corrected in a few instances. Race categories have been fixed and should accurately depict white or not white. In cases where multiple races were designated for the same recipient and one of the choices was “white”, that person is reported in the tables as white.

6. Autologous recipients where consent for research was declined are shown in separate tables. In a few cases, the number of transplants with no consent for research needs to be corrected for centers. These have been reviewed. In a few cases, if the consent for research was “no” and the recipient had a 2400 form completed, their data is shown in the main tables rather than the “no consent tables” since there was more specific information about the disease. However, no other detailed information will be used, and these data will not be used for research.

7. Several diseases were rolled up to their broad category to make review of the volume tables more convenient. For instance, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma is presented in the group category of T-cell and NK-cell lymphomas. In a few cases, the rolled up category is broader (more general) than intended. These have been reviewed and corrected. As well, a table that describes the diseases and the broad categories to which they are assigned has been added to the FAQ page.

Please review the updated Center Volume Reports carefully. We highly recommend you to review the
‘About’ and ‘FAQ’ pages carefully before viewing your Center’s transplant data reports and submitting your data status. These FAQ pages have also been updated, including instructions for situations such as correcting dates of birth on relevant forms. If you find additional issues or require assistance, please feel free to contact your CIBMTR liaison.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your assistance and comments on this collaborative effort of making 2008 HCT data available for the transplant community. The instructions below are repeated for your convenience to access the CIBMTR Portal Website if you have not already done so:

Before the data is published to the Website, we are asking you to review your center’s data for completeness and accuracy then submit a response regarding the status of your data. For this purpose, reports reflecting your Center’s transplant data and a response form are posted on CIBMTR Application Portal: https://portal.cibmtr.org. Please review the reports for your center and submit your response by September 8, 2009. We appreciate your help to ensure that the numbers on these reports accurately reflect the transplants performed at your center in 2008.

1. To access the CIBMTR Portal Website:
   CIBMTR previously contacted all U.S. centers and provided registration instructions for the CIBMTR Application Portal. If you have not registered yet, please do so using the attached Quick Start Guide. If you encounter any problems in the registration process, please contact CIT-TS@mcw.edu.

2. To access your Center’s HCT Volume Data:
   Login to Portal Website and click on ‘FN2 CENTER VOLUME DATA’ on the top link bar. This will take you to the ‘About’ page, which contains details about the HCT volumes data and how to proceed. Use the menu on the left side of the screen to navigate through the application. Click on “FN2 Center Volume Data Report” to display the transplant volume reports and demographic data for the transplants performed at your center in 2008. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page is also available to answer additional questions you may have.

We greatly appreciate all the work you are doing to help us build the SCTOD. Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative to share complete and accurate data with the public.

Thank you,

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