

PRELIMINARY AGENDA TOPICS

The international congress will include keynote lectures, tracked concurrent sessions, oral presentations of selected abstracts, education and training workshops, clinical and technical poster session, and technical exhibits.

Science

Late-breaking updates on clinical outcomes and cord blood transplantation

Cord blood-derived immunotherapies

Engineering of cord blood grafts, including cell expansion and homing

MSCs derived from birthing tissues – manufacturing and regulations, preclinical characterization and clinical studies

Emerging uses of cord blood and cord-tissue cells in regenerative medicine for cardiovascular, neurologic, pulmonary and orthopedic conditions

Technology

Economics and logistics of cord blood banking and cord blood therapies

Cord blood collection procedures and public education

Manufacturing and quality specifications for family and public banking

International and domestic shipping and transportation

Education for prenatal and pediatric health care providers

Regulation

Evolving laws and regulations governing cord blood banking and therapies

Building an outcomes registry for cord blood and birthing tissue-derived therapeutics

Continuing medical education (CME), continuing medical laboratory education (CMLE), and certificates of attendance will be provided.

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International Society for Cellular Therapy
National Marrow Donor Program / Be The Match
Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation
Perinatal Stem Cell Society
Regenerative Medicine Foundation
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