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King Abdulaziz Medical City – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia is first Cellular Therapy Program in Saudi Arabia to earn FACT Accreditation.

OMAHA, Neb. – King Abdulaziz Medical City – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia received internationally recognized accreditation by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT). Directed by Mohsen Alzahrani, MD, it is the first and only cellular therapy program in Saudi Arabia to be recognized by FACT. The program received accreditation on July 1, 2022, and is accredited for Adult and Pediatric Allogeneic and Autologous Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation, Marrow and Peripheral Blood Cellular Therapy Product Collection, and Cellular Therapy Product Processing.

“The FACT accreditation process has been a long and exciting journey with significant learning experience. Our entire transplant team, with the help from the hospital multidisciplinary support services, worked tirelessly to make this major achievement possible. It is a great privilege to hold the distinction of being the very first institution in Saudi Arabia and the region to be awarded FACT accreditation. This remarkable achievement demonstrates clinical excellence, spirit of teamwork, collaboration, professional commitment, and administrative support,” stated Dr. Alzahrani. “It is our belief that FACT Accreditation will make our colleagues and patients aware of our facility's commitment to providing the best possible care for cellular therapy and that we are committed to uphold the highest possible standards of care.”

Dr. Phyllis Warkentin, FACT Chief Medical Officer, states, “Achievement of FACT accreditation requires dedication and perseverance, and demonstrates that Dr. Mohsen Alzahrani and staff have established a high-quality program in hematopoietic cellular therapy and transplantation. I congratulate these leaders in the region on this accomplishment.”

About FACT

Founded in 1996, FACT establishes standards for high quality patient care and laboratory practice in cellular therapies and regenerative medicine. FACT is a non-profit corporation co-founded by the International Society for Cellular Therapy (ISCT) and the American Society of Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) for the purposes of voluntary inspection and accreditation in the field of cellular therapy.

About FACT Accreditation

The accreditation process is designed to be supportive, consistent, and objective. FACT promotes improvement and progress by establishing minimum standards, providing education, and inspecting and accrediting programs worldwide. Expert inspectors and the comprehensive accreditation program verify programs provide high quality cellular products and help to achieve desirable outcomes for patients. For more information, visit www.factwebsite.org.

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