

 <p>FACT FOUNDATION FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF CELLULAR THERAPY</p> <p>Policies and Procedures</p>	<p>Policy</p>	<p>Document #: ACC.6.1.005 Revision: 3 Approval Date: 04/September/2023 Page 1 of 2 Effective Date: 04/September/2023</p>
<p>Suspension or Termination of Accreditation</p>		

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the indications and process for suspension or termination of accreditation, including the process to appeal suspension or termination decisions.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to all organizations accredited by FACT.

3.0 Responsibility

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of the FACT Office and the FACT Cellular Therapy and Cord Blood Accreditation Committees (“FACT Accreditation Committee”) to ensure that this policy is followed.
- 3.2 Organizations are responsible for reading and adhering to this policy, as applicable.

4.0 References

- 4.1 [Accreditation Process Policy](#), ACC.6.1.001
- 4.2 [Clinical Outcomes Corrective Action Plan Policy](#), ACC.6.1.007
- 4.3 [Data Audit Policy](#), ACC.6.1.006
- 4.4 [Maintaining Accreditation Policy](#), ACC.6.1.003
- 4.5 [Timelines for Organization Accreditation and Renewal](#), ACC.6.1.008

5.0 Definitions and Abbreviations

- 5.1 FACT Accreditation Committee: Cellular Therapy Program or Cord Blood Bank Accreditation committee, as applicable.
- 5.2 Organization: Clinical program, cellular therapy collection facility, cellular therapy processing facility, cord blood bank (including cord blood collection sites and cord blood processing facilities), facility under the Common Standards, or immune effector cellular therapy program, that has achieved or is applying for FACT accreditation.
- 5.3 Suspension of Accreditation: Temporary discontinuation of an Organizations’ accreditation, including removal of the Organization from the FACT website pending resolution of issue. Upon resolution of issue, accreditation is reinstated without a change in expiration date.
- 5.4 Termination of Accreditation: Revocation of an Organization’s accreditation. Reapplication and completion of the accreditation process is required to regain accreditation.

6.0 Policy

- 6.1 FACT will suspend or terminate accreditation at any time if material evidence of noncompliance with FACT Standards or accreditation requirements exists, including, but not limited to, noncompliance with the following policies:
 - 6.1.1 [Accreditation Process Policy](#)
 - 6.1.2 [Maintaining Accreditation Policy](#)
 - 6.1.3 [Timelines for Organization Accreditation and Renewal](#)
 - 6.1.4 [Data Audit Policy](#)
 - 6.1.5 [Clinical Outcomes Corrective Action Plan Policy](#)
- 6.2 If termination or suspension is considered, the Accreditation Services Manager will determine if extenuating circumstances exist and provide a summary of the circumstances(s) to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO).
- 6.3 If evidence of noncompliance is inconclusive, the information will be forwarded to the FACT Accreditation Committee, Grievance Committee, or Board of Directors as appropriate for review.
- 6.4 Organizations whose accreditation is to be terminated or suspended will be notified at least 30 days prior to the termination or suspension, unless the reason for suspension is disbandment of the program or significant noncompliance with FACT requirements, as determined by the CMO.
- 6.5 If accreditation is suspended, the organization must provide documentation of required corrective actions within the timeframe specified in the notification before accreditation is reinstated with no change in accreditation dates.
 - 6.5.1 The organization must continue to remit payment for the annual accreditation fees throughout the period of suspension.
- 6.6 If accreditation is terminated and the organization seeks to regain FACT accreditation, it must re-apply for accreditation by submitting a new Eligibility Application and applicable fees.
- 6.7 Appeal Process
 - 6.7.1 The organization has the right to appeal to the FACT Board of Directors the suspension or termination of accreditation.
 - 6.7.2 The organization must submit the appeal in writing within 30 days of notification of the suspension or termination.
 - 6.7.3 The written appeal must include details and supporting documentation.
 - 6.7.4 If the appeal is granted, accreditation will be reinstated with no change in accreditation dates. The organization will be relisted on the FACT website.

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