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**Stem Cell Registry**  
**Transplant Centre Reference Manual**

**Section 12 – Search and Transplant Related Costs**

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## OVERVIEW

Costs associated with searching for and obtaining stem cell product(s) from an unrelated donor or cord blood unit are categorized and defined in this section.

Fee schedules for international registries can change frequently. Contact Canadian Blood Services Stem Cell Registry (stem cell registry) to obtain fee information for a specific registry.

## SEARCH ACTIVATION COSTS

Search costs are defined as costs associated with searching for and identifying an unrelated donor or cord blood unit (e.g. extended HLA typing (eHLA), verification typing (VT) collection and shipment of blood samples, cord blood unit sample/segment and post-thaw testing.)

The Canadian Blood Services Stem Cell Registry will pay for the costs of all search related activations on unrelated donors. The transplant centre is responsible to cover all search activation costs related to cord blood units.

*Note: Verification typing samples requested at work-up are considered pre-collects and will be re-billed to the transplant centre.*

Any costs not covered by the stem cell registry will be rebilled to the transplant centre by Canadian Blood Services.

Any testing performed by the transplant centre will not be covered by the stem cell registry.

## TRANSPLANT COSTS

Transplant costs are defined as all costs incurred after the identification of a suitable stem cell product (i.e. after the donor has been requested for work-up, cord blood unit requested for procurement). These costs can vary depending on where the product is originating.

## Costs for a Canadian Donor

**Product Fee:** There is no charge for the product procurement.

**Donor Expenses:** Canadian transplant centres will be billed by Canadian Blood Services for donor insurance and may be billed for other donor expenses related to work-up and donation (see below\*). If donor costs are expected to exceed \$3000, an estimate of these costs will be provided to the transplant centre prior to donor collection for approval.

**\*Donor Expenses:**

- All medical history, physical evaluation and laboratory tests (if not covered by provincial health plan)
- Parking and taxi expenses
- Medication as required (e.g., iron supplements)
- Mileage
- Other travel expenses (i.e., economy airfare, train, ferry, bus)
- Per diem allotment (meals and incidentals), if donor has traveled away from home for collection centre appointment(s) and product collection
- Per diem allotment (meals and incidentals), for a companion if the donor has traveled away from home for product collection
- Child care expenses
- Homecare aid for 24 hours after collection, if required
- Hotel expenses, if applicable
- Car rental expenses.

**Collection Centre Fees:** The Canadian collection centre will bill the Canadian transplant centre directly for collection fees. Fees may vary between collection centres.

**Postponement Related Costs:** The transplant centre can incur charges for repeat pre-collect samples, repeat medical assessment, donor expenses, and other costs incurred by postponement and/or cancellation of a work-up. Charges will be determined on a case by case basis.

## Costs for an International Donor

**Product Fee:** The stem cell registry will receive the invoices from the international registry and pay for services rendered. The stem cell registry will then rebill these costs to the transplant centre.

**Donor Expenses:** International registries differ in how they bill for donor expenses. All donor expenses will be paid by the stem cell registry and rebilled to the transplant centre.

**Collection Centre Costs:** There will be no extra charge. These are part of the flat fee that the stem cell registry pays for product procurement.

**Postponement Related Costs:** Some international registries charge a flat fee for postponement of a scheduled collection; however, the stem cell registry may also receive invoices for repeat pre-collect samples, repeat medical assessment, donor expenses, and other costs incurred by postponement of a work-up. Postponement related charges will be re-billed to the transplant centre.

## CANCELLATION COSTS

If the collection procedure is cancelled after the work-up of the selected donor has commenced, Canadian Blood Services will pay for any costs incurred and rebill the Canadian transplant centre for services rendered prior to notice of the cancellation.

## COURIER COSTS

The transplant centre is responsible to make the necessary arrangements for their courier travel and cover the associated costs.

If a Canadian transplant centre requests an international courier, the international registry charges the transplant centre directly.

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

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