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Policy Statement

Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) will commission Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for adults resident in Wales in accordance with the criteria outlined in this document.

In creating this document WHSSC has reviewed the relevant guidance issued by NHS England and has concluded that blood and marrow transplantation should be made available.

Disclaimer

WHSSC assumes that healthcare professionals will use their clinical judgment, knowledge and expertise when deciding whether it is appropriate to apply this policy position statement.

This policy may not be clinically appropriate for use in all situations and does not override the responsibility of healthcare professionals to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or their carer or guardian.

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1. Introduction

This Policy Position has been developed for the planning and delivery of Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for adults resident in Wales. This service will only be commissioned by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) and applies to residents of all seven Health Boards in Wales.

Stem cell transplantation, particularly allogeneic transplantation, is a high cost and highly specialised procedure, performed by skilled and experienced transplant teams working in specialist centres. Allogeneic transplantation carries relatively high mortality and morbidity risks, and these must be weighed against the potential longer-term survival benefits when considering a patient for transplantation. Rigorous patient selection is of paramount importance.

Because of the large number of possible indications for stem cell transplantation, the degree of variation in clinically important patient and disease parameters, and the diversity of conditioning and transplant regimens, it is extremely difficult to evaluate the clinical and cost-effectiveness of transplantation for every potential clinical condition. Moreover, age is an important factor in determining outcomes; thus the management of children and young people is very different to that in older adults. For all these reasons, current clinical practice in stem cell transplantation is largely based on clinical consensus and published case series.

This policy document sets out the clinical indications for which autologous and allogeneic transplants will be commissioned routinely by NHS Wales for adults.

For a more detailed description of the transplantation services which will be commissioned and the service standards which should be met by transplant centres please refer to the [WHSSC Service Specification for Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant \(CP79\)](#)

1.1 Plain language summary

Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) is also known as blood and marrow transplantation (BMT). It is used to treat a wide spectrum of disorders. It is broadly divided into two main groups: autologous and allogeneic transplantation.

Allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) is used to treat carefully selected patients with a range of malignant and non-malignant blood-related disorders and other specific disorders of the immune system. It involves replacing the bone marrow stem cells of a patient following high-

dose therapy, with stem cells from a tissue-type matched or mismatched donor.

Autologous transplantation uses the patient's own stem cells, which are harvested prior to high-dose therapy. It enables the patient to be treated with doses of chemotherapy which are higher than would be possible without subsequent replacement of the harvested cells, because the therapy destroys the patient's remaining stem cell tissue.

1.2 Aims and Objectives

This Policy Position aims to define the commissioning position of WHSSC on the use of Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for adults.

The objectives of this policy are to:

- ensure commissioning for the use of HSCT is evidence based
- ensure equitable access to HSCT
- define criteria for people to access treatment
- improve outcomes for people with undergoing HSCT

1.3 Epidemiology

The data below are taken from the British Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BSBMT)¹ registry for stem cell transplant procedures undertaken by HSCT centres in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The figures include repeat transplants (including donor lymphocyte infusions) in patients who have previously been transplanted. There are considerable year to year fluctuations in numbers, but an underlying increasing trend.

Table 1: Number of transplants by transplant type 2006-2016 inclusive

Year	Allo	Autografts	Total	% Increase
2006	1144	1562	2706	0
2007	1198	1569	2767	2.2
2008	1263	1676	2939	5.8
2009	1200	1623	2823	-4.11
2010	1321	1919	3240	12.9
2011	1443	1917	3360	3.6
2012	1453	2163	3616	7
2013	1615	2225	3840	5.8
2014	1678	2344	4022	4.5
2015	1610	2503	4113	2.2
2016	1680	2718	4398	6.9

¹ <http://bsbmt.org/activity/2016/>

Table 2 below shows a breakdown of first transplants by clinical indication for 2016. Myelomas and lymphomas remain the most common indications for autologous transplantation. Most allogeneic transplants are for acute leukaemias, followed by the lymphomas.

Table 2: Number of first transplants by disease category and transplant type 2016

Indication	Allograft	Autograft	Total
Plasma Cell Disease	43	1467	1510
Lymphoma	206	756	962
Acute Leukaemia	801	9	810
MDS/MPS	261	0	261
Solid Tumour	0	143	143
Chronic Leukaemia	78	2	80
Primary Immune Deficiency	59	0	59
Bone Marrow Failure	87	4	91
Haemoglobinopathy	29	0	29
Inherited Disorders of Metabolism	17	0	17
Auto Immune Diseases	8	41	49
Other	14	2	16
Total	1603	2474	4027

1.4 About the treatment

Allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) is used to treat carefully selected patients with a range of malignant and non-malignant haematological disorders and other specific disorders of the immune system. It involves replacing the bone marrow stem cells of a patient following high-dose therapy, with stem cells from a tissue-type matched or mismatched donor.

Patients require detailed pre-transplant assessment and investigations to assess their clinical status and fitness to proceed to transplant. The transplant procedure begins with 'conditioning' therapy (chemotherapy with or without total body irradiation (TBI)) at a range of doses depending on the type and severity of disease being treated. The aim of conditioning is to:

- kill leukaemia/tumour cells (in malignant diseases)
- suppress the patient's immune system, so as to minimise the risk of graft rejection

Bone marrow, peripheral blood stem cells, or umbilical cord blood stem cells may be used as donor stem cell sources. Use of umbilical cord cells must be in line with the UK Cord Blood Working Group Recommendations for donor selection². Use of double cord units must be notified in advance to

² <https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/dsg/cb>

the commissioner in view of the likely increased costs and to ensure the selection protocol has been followed.

Autologous transplantation uses the patient's own stem cells, which are harvested prior to high-dose therapy. It is performed as part of dose escalation therapy, mainly in patients with lymphoma and myeloma, although it is also used in certain autoimmune and oncology cases. It enables the patient to be treated with doses of chemotherapy which are higher than would be possible without subsequent replacement of the harvested cells, because the therapy destroys the patient's remaining stem cell tissue.

1.5 What NHS Wales has decided

WHSSC has carefully reviewed the relevant guidance issued by NHS England. We have concluded that there is enough evidence to fund HSCT within the criteria set out in section 2.1.

2. Criteria for Commissioning

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee approve funding of Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for adults in-line with the criteria identified in the policy.

2.1 Inclusion Criteria

Adult Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) is commissioned according to the British Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation (BSBMT) table of indications published in February 2012 as specified in Appendix 1.

BSBMT recommendations divide indications for adult Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) into four categories:

Category	Abbreviation
Standard of care	S
Clinical option, can be considered after assessment of risks and benefits	CO
Developmental, further trials are needed	D
Generally not recommended	GNR

For the purposes of this commissioning policy first transplants for indications within categories S and CO (standard of care, and clinical option respectively) are accepted as established clinical practice, and will be commissioned routinely, without the need for Individual Funding Request (IPFR).

Repeat transplants for failure to engraft will also be commissioned routinely. However, repeat autologous or allogeneic transplants for relapsed disease will not be commissioned routinely unless explicitly recommended by the BSBMT guidelines (e.g. second autologous transplant for myeloma and POEMS).

Use of umbilical cord cells must be in line with the UK Cord Working Group Recommendations for donor selection³. Use of double cord must be notified in advance to the commissioner to demonstrate the donor selection protocol has been followed.

Patients can be entered into clinical trials by the provider where the patient's treatment will comply with this Policy Position. Where the treatment falls outside the Policy, prior approval must be sought from WHSSC before entering the patient into the trial.

³ <https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/dsg/cb>

WHSSC will not pay for treatment for indications which are outside this Policy Position and for which prior approval has not been formally given.

2.2 Exclusion Criteria

Areas excluded from this commissioning policy are:

- Second allogeneic transplants for relapse disease will not be routinely commissioned for patients who have relapsed after first Allo-HSCT.
- Repeat autologous or allogeneic transplants for relapsed disease unless explicitly recommended by the BSBMT guidelines (e.g. second autologous transplant for myeloma and POEMS). IPFR approval will otherwise need to be sought.
- Planned tandem transplants unless explicitly recommended by the BSBMT guidelines. IPFR approval will otherwise need to be sought.
- Transplants for indications within categories D and GNR will not be commissioned routinely, and IPFR approval will need to be sought for transplantation of all cases falling within these categories where cases meet the criteria for exceptionality.
- Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) is not commissioned for any indication which is not listed within the BSBMT (February 2012) table of indications for indications listed in BSBMT indications tables published after February 2012 unless they are specifically confirmed in this policy. IPFR approval will therefore need to be sought for transplantation for all indications not specifically listed in the appendix of this policy document.
- Children under the age of 18

2.3 Acceptance Criteria

The service outlined in this specification is for patients ordinarily resident in Wales, or otherwise the commissioning responsibility of the NHS in Wales. This excludes patients who whilst resident in Wales, are registered with a GP practice in England, but includes patients resident in England who are registered with a GP Practice in Wales.

2.4 Patient Pathway (Annex i)

Referral is from secondary care consultant clinicians including haematologists, oncologists and, rarely, from other non-cancer specialists such as neurologists, immunologists and rheumatologists.

All patients with haematological malignancies should be discussed at, and referred by, their local Haematology Cancer MDT.

Referrals should be made to the Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) centre.

A clearly defined aftercare programme shall be developed with the patient and the referring provider unit. Communication with general practitioners and staff in primary care and the referring clinician shall be timely, efficient and continuous. The GP shall be informed at all stages of the patient's treatment. Patients will be informed how to access advice and urgent care at all stages of their treatment.

Unless the urgent need for treatment precludes the possibility, all patients of reproductive age shall be offered a review by reproductive medicine prior to starting infertility-inducing treatment.

2.5 Exceptions

If the patient does not meet the criteria for treatment as outlined in this policy, an Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) can be submitted for consideration in line with the All Wales Policy: Making Decisions on Individual Patient Funding Requests. The request will then be considered by the All Wales IPFR Panel.

If the patient wishes to be referred to a provider outside of the agreed pathway, and IPFR should be submitted.

Further information on making IPFR requests can be found at: [Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee \(WHSSC\) | Individual Patient Funding Requests](#)

2.6 Clinical Outcome and Quality Measures

The Provider must work to written quality standards and provide monitoring information to the lead commissioner.

The centre must enable the patient's, carer's and advocate's informed participation and to be able to demonstrate this. Provision should be made for patients with communication difficulties.

All providers of HSCT must have [JACIE accreditation](#).

2.7 Audit Requirements

Complete data must be submitted to the [BSBMT registry](#) for all transplants carried out by UK centres.

All centres must undergo regular JACIE inspection.

All centres must provide the data required for the [English national BMT Dashboard](#)

Audit requirements are described in more detail in the WHSSC Service Specification for Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (CP79).

2.8 Responsibilities

Referrers should:

- inform the patient that this treatment is not routinely funded outside the criteria in this policy, and
- refer via the agreed pathway.

Clinicians considering treatment should:

- discuss all the alternative treatment with the patient
- advise the patient of any side effects and risks of the potential treatment
- inform the patient that treatment is not routinely funded outside of the criteria in the policy, and
- confirm that there is contractual agreement with WHSSC for the treatment.

In all other circumstances an IPFR must be submitted.

3. Documents which have informed this policy

This WHSSC policy position adopts the commissioning criteria of the NHS England commissioning policy: [Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation \(HSCT\) \(All Ages\): Revised](#). NHS England B04/P/a January 2015.

This document should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- **NHS Wales**
 - All Wales Policy: [Making Decisions in Individual Patient Funding requests](#) (IPFR).
- **WHSSC policies and service specifications**
 - Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation for Adults (CP79), Service Specification, (Publication Date to be confirmed)
 - [Extra corporeal Photophoresis \(ECP\) for the Treatment of Chronic Graft versus Host Disease in Adults](#) (CP91). WHSSC, Specialised Services Commissioning Policy, November 2015.
 - [Extracorporeal Photophoresis \(ECP\) for the Treatment of Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma](#) (CP92). WHSSC Specialised Services Commissioning Policy. November 2015.
- **National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance**
 - [Haematological Cancers: Improving Outcomes](#). NICE Guideline NG47, May 2016.
- **Relevant NHS England policies**
 - [Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation \(HSCT\) All Ages](#), Revised. Clinical Commissioning Policy, NHS England B04/P/a. January 2015.
 - [2013/2014 NHS Standard Contract for Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation \(Adult\)](#). NHS England Service Specification, B04/S/a. October 2013.
- **British Society for Blood and Marrow Transplants (BSBMT)**
 - British Society for Blood and Marrow Transplants. [BSBMT Indications for Adult BMT](#)

4. Date of Review

This document will be reviewed when information is received which indicates that the policy requires revision.

5. Putting Things Right

5.1 Raising a Concern

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that decisions made under this policy are robust and appropriate for the patient group, it is acknowledged that there may be occasions when the patient or their representative are not happy with decisions made or the treatment provided.

The patient or their representative should be guided by the clinician, or the member of NHS staff with whom the concern is raised, to the appropriate arrangements for management of their concern.

If a patient or their representative is unhappy with the care provided during the treatment or the clinical decision to withdraw treatment provided under this policy, the patient and/or their representative should be guided to the LHB for [NHS Putting Things Right](#). For services provided outside NHS Wales the patient or their representative should be guided to the [NHS Trust Concerns Procedure](#), with a copy of the concern being sent to WHSSC.

5.2 Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR)

If the patient does not meet the criteria for treatment as outlined in this policy, an Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) can be submitted for consideration in line with the All Wales Policy: Making Decisions on Individual Patient Funding Requests. The request will then be considered by the All Wales IPFR Panel.

If an IPFR is declined by the Panel, a patient and/or their NHS clinician has the right to request information about how the decision was reached. If the patient and their NHS clinician feel the process has not been followed in accordance with this policy, arrangements can be made for an independent review of the process to be undertaken by the patient's Local Health Board. The ground for the review, which are detailed in the All Wales Policy: Making Decisions on Individual Patient Funding Requests (IPFR), must be clearly stated

If the patient wishes to be referred to a provider outside of the agreed pathway, an IPFR should be submitted.

Further information on making IPFR requests can be found at: [Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee \(WHSSC\) | Individual Patient Funding Requests](#)

6. Equality Impact and Assessment

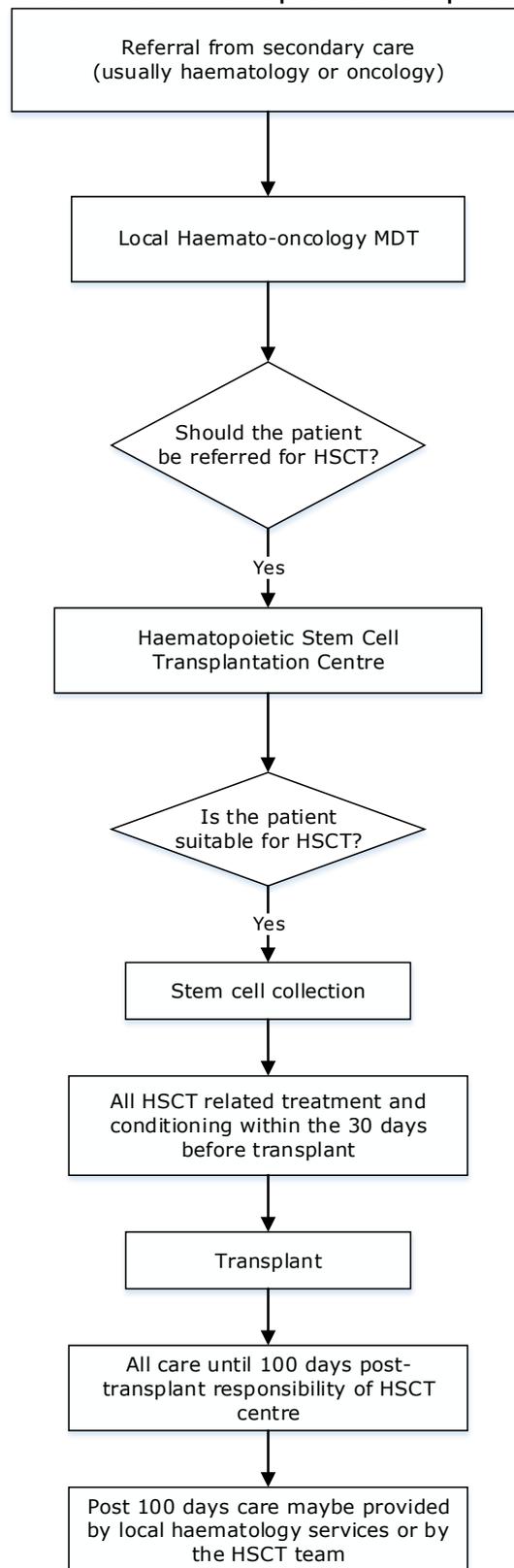
The Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) process has been developed to help promote fair and equal treatment in the delivery of health services. It aims to enable Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee to identify and eliminate detrimental treatment caused by the adverse impact of health service policies upon groups and individuals for reasons of race, gender re-assignment, disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity and language (Welsh).

This policy has been subjected to an Equality Impact Assessment.

The Assessment demonstrates the policy is robust and there is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact. All opportunities to promote equality have been taken.

Annex i Patient Pathway

Adult Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation pathway



Annex ii Checklist

Blood and Marrow Transplantation

The following checklist should be completed for every patient to whom the policy applies:

- Where the patient meets the criteria **and** the procedure is included in the contract **and** the referral is received by an agreed centre, the form should be completed and retained by the receiving centre for audit purposes.
- The patient meets the criteria **and** is received at an agreed centre, but the procedure is not included in the contract. The checklist must be completed and submitted to WHSSC for prior approval to treatment.
- The patient meets the criteria but wishes to be referred to a non-contracted provider. An Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Form must be completed and submitted to WHSSC for consideration.
- If the patient does not meet the criteria for treatment as outlined in this policy, an Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) can be submitted for consideration in line with the All Wales Policy: Making Decisions on Individual Patient Funding Requests. The request will then be considered by the All Wales IPFR Panel.

Annex iii Codes

Code Category	Code	Description
OPCS	W341	Autograft of bone marrow
	W342	Allograft of bone marrow NEC
	W343	Allograft of bone marrow from sibling donor
	W344	Allograft of bone marrow from matched unrelated donor
	W345	Allograft of bone marrow from haploidentical donor
	W346	Allograft of bone marrow from unmatched unrelated donor
	W348	Other specified graft of bone marrow
	W349	Unspecified graft of bone marrow
	W991	Allograft of cord blood stem cells to bone marrow
	W998	Other specified graft of cord blood stem cells to bone marrow
	W999	Unspecified graft of cord blood stem cells to bone marrow

Annex iv Abbreviations and Glossary

Abbreviations

IPFR	Individual Patient Funding Request
WHSSC	Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

Glossary

Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR)

An IPFR is a request to Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) to fund an intervention, device or treatment for patients that fall outside the range of services and treatments routinely provided across Wales.

Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC)

WHSSC is a joint committee of the seven local health boards in Wales. The purpose of WHSSC is to ensure that the population of Wales has fair and equitable access to the full range of Specialised Services and Tertiary Services. WHSSC ensures that specialised services are commissioned from providers that have the appropriate experience and expertise. They ensure that these providers are able to provide a robust, high quality and sustainable services, which are safe for patients and are cost effective for NHS Wales.

1 **Appendix 1 BSBMT Indications for BMT – February 2012**

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- 3 **Abbreviations:**
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- S Standard of Care
 - CO Clinical option, can be considered after assessment of risks and benefits
 - D Developmental, further trials are needed
 - GNR Generally Not Recommended

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1 **Section 1**

2 **CML**

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	Sibling Allograft	Unrelated donor transplant	Autologous transplant
Chronic phase TKI refractory ¹ (after trial of at least 2 TKIs)	S ^{1,2,3}	S ^{1,2,3}	GNR
TKI intolerant (Grade 2+ toxicity to at least 2 TKIs)	S ¹	S ¹	GNR
T315I mutation	S ¹	S ¹	GNR
Accelerated phase -after initial therapy with TKI	S ^{4,5}	S ^{4,5}	GNR
Blast crisis	GNR	GNR	GNR
2nd chronic phase	S ^{4,6}	S ^{4,6}	D ⁷ (if Ph -ve cells have been stored)

4 ¹For definition see Bacarani et al

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6 ¹Baccarani et al, 2009, J Clin Onc 27: 6041-6051

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Myeloma

	Sibling transplant[‡]	MUD transplant	First Autograft	Second Autograft
First Line	S ^{16, 17}	CO ¹⁸ -Selected patients or as part of clinical trial	S ⁹ -for patients suitable for intensive treatment	CO ^{10,11} (Tandem autograft may be considered if no CR after 1st autograft)
Relapse	CO ^{12, 19}	CO -Selected patients or as part of clinical trial	S (If not done in first response but patient is considered fit)	S ¹³ -If time to re-treatment after 1st autograft >18m or as part of NCRN Myeloma X trial
Plasma cell leukaemia	S ¹⁵ -If chemo responsive disease -Selected young patients <55 years	CO ¹⁵ -If chemo responsive disease	S ¹⁵ -If no suitable donor or unfit for allograft	CO

[‡] - Suitability for a myeloablative versus reduced-intensity is based on biological suitability (age, co morbidity, advanced disease stage, etc)

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Other Plasma Cell Dyscrasias

	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	First Autograft	Second Autograft
AL amyloid	GNR	GNR	CO ¹⁴ -As per risk-adapted protocol	GNR
POEMS	GNR	GNR	CO ¹⁶	CO ¹³ -If time to re-treatment after 1st autograft >18m or as part of a clinical study

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General Comments

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1. Generally RIC transplants are performed for patients >45-50 years of age or for patients with significant co-morbidities using the HSCT co-morbidity index. In the context of certain clinical trials the age for choosing a RIC transplant may be lower. Patients with a score >3 are generally not suitable for any HSCT
2. For unrelated donor transplants usually either a full 10/10 match at HLA A, B, C and DR is required or a single mismatch
3. Cord Blood transplants are an alternative for patients lacking a sibling or unrelated donor (as defined above). Usually these patients are from ethnic minority.

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AML

		Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	Autograft	Comments
APL CR1		GNR	GNR	GNR	BCSH guidelines
APL CR2		S	S	GNR	
PCR+					
APL CR2 PCR-		CO	GNR	S	
AML -good risk	CR1	GNR	GNR	GNR	BCSH guidelines AML15/16 trial protocols
	CR2	S	S	CO	
AML -standard risk	CR1	S	S	GNR	AML 15/16 protocols
	CR2	S	S	CO	
AML -poor risk*	CR1	S	S	GNR	AML 15/16 protocols
	CR2	S	S	CO	
AML not in remission		CO	CO	GNR	Fung et al ¹ , Cook et al ²

5 * Poor risk defined as either 1. cytogenetics (MRC criteria), 2. Secondary or therapy – related AML, 3. Failure to achieve CR
6 with standard AML induction therapy

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1 **Section 3**

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3 **ALL**

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	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	Autograft
CR1			
-standard risk	S ¹	GNR	GNR
-poor risk	S ¹	CO ²	GNR
CR2	S	S	GNR ³
Not in remission	GNR	GNR	GNR
Philadelphia positive ALL	S	S	GNR

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3. Autografts, although inferior to chemotherapy in CR1 patients and inferior to allografts in CR2 patients may be justified when all other therapeutic options have been explored or the optimal therapy (eg chemotherapy) cannot be delivered

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Section 4

BSBMT Indications For Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation In Lymphoma

General Comments

- a. An allogeneic stem cell transplant may be considered in any disease category where autologous stem cell harvesting has failed.
- b. A MUD should be a 10/10, 8/8 or 9/10 allelic level match.

Hodgkin Lymphoma

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
CR1	GNR	GNR	GNR
CR>1	S ¹	CO ²	CO ²
Relapse/ Primary Refractory - Chemosensitive - Chemorefractory	S ¹ CO	CO ² CO ²	CO ² CO ²
Relapse post autograft	GNC	CO ³	CO ³

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1 **Mantle Cell Lymphoma**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
CR1/PR1	S ¹	CO ²	CO ²
CR/PR>1	CO ³	CO ²	CO ²
Chemorefractory	GNR	D	D
Relapse post autograft	GNR	CO ³	CO ³

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8 **Follicular Lymphoma**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
CR1/PR1	GNR ¹	GNR	GNR
CR/PR>1	S ²	CO ³	CO ³
Chemorefractory	GNR	D	D
Relapse post autograft	GNR	CO ⁴	CO ⁴

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1 **DLBCL**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
CR1	GNR ¹	GNR	GNR
PR1 (sensitive to salvage)	CO	CO	CO
CR, PR>1	S ²	CO ³	CO ⁴
Chemorefractory	GNR	D	D
Relapse post autograft	GNR	CO ⁴	CO ⁴

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9 **Peripheral T cell Lymphoma**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
CR1	CO ¹	CO ²	CO ²
PR1 (sensitive to salvage_	CO ¹	CO ²	CO ²
CR/PR>1	S	CO	CO
Chemorefractory	GNR	D	D
Relapse post autograft	GNR	CO ²	CO ²

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1 **Section 5**

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3 **CLL**

	RIC Sib allograft	RIC VUD	Auto	UCB
Very high risk CR1 (2)	S	S	GNR	CT
High risk CR2(3)	S	S	CT	CT
Others CR >2 (4)	CO	CO	CO	CT
Richters transformation	S	S	GNR	CT
T-PLL	S	S	CO	CT
B-PLL (5)	CO	CO	CO	CT

4 **Notes**

- 5 1. For most CLL patients, reduced intensity (RIC) conditioning is recommended however for some younger patients (<45 years) with
6 very high risk disease and a matched sibling donor then standard intensity conditioning may be preferable (CO).
7 2. Very high risk CLL defined as CLL with >20% cells showing del. 17p or purine analogue refractory. These patients should be
8 treated with p53 independent therapy, such as high dose methyl prednisolone and/or alemtuzumab to maximum response and
9 then allografted if possible in CR1
10 3. High risk CLL defined according to EBMT criteria:1
11 i. Relapse within 6 months of PA therapy
12 ii. Relapse within 2 years of intensive therapy including PA/alkylator combinations, chemo-immunotherapy or autologous
13 transplantation
14 4. Other indications. Includes patients not fulfilling criteria 2 or 3 who are in second or subsequent relapse with at least one other
15 commonly recognised adverse features listed below:
16 i. Bone marrow failure according to Binet criteria
17 ii. Unmutated Vh genes (<98% germline or Vh3.21)
18 iii. ZAP 70+ (>20%) iv. CD38+ (>7%)
19 iv. v. Del 11q or trisomy 12
20 5. Approx 20% of cases of B-PLL actually mantle cell lymphoma and should be treated accordingly. B-PLL otherwise rare and should
21 be treated on a case by case basis (CO)
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1 **Abbreviations**

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3 S – Standard of care

4 CO – Clinical opinion

5 GNR – Generally not recommended CT – Only in context of clinical trial

6 CR1 or CR2 – Defined as first or second best response to therapy and includes either complete or partial remission
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Section 6

Indications for allograft in adult patients with aplastic anaemia

Aplastic anaemia

	Matched sibling	MUD	UCBT	Autologous
Severe AA (SAA) < 50 yr	S	S if failed IST and no sibling	CO	GNR
SAA >50 yr	S if failed IST	s if failed IST and no sibling	D	GNR
Constitutional AA	S	S if no sibling	CO	GNR

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IST = failed at least one course of IST (immunosuppressive therapy)

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1 **Section 7**

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3 **Indications for Transplantation for Adults with Myelodysplastic Syndromes MDS**

IPSS score	Autograft	Sibling Allograft	VUD allograft	UCBT
Low-Int-1	GNR	CO*	CO*	D**
Int-2, High	GNR	S	S	D**
t-MDS	GNR	S	S	D**

4 t-MDS: therapy related MDS

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6 Reduced intensity conditioning protocols are recommended for patients aged 40-45 years or older, or in patients with pre-
7 existing co- morbidities as defined using the HSCT co-morbidity index (HCT-CI)

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9 *Allogeneic transplantation in patients with Low or Int-1 disease is generally considered at time of disease progression:
10 progressive cytopenias and transfusion dependence, increasing blast counts, acquisition of adverse cytogenetic markers

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12 **In view of the limited data on transplantation of adult patients with MDS using umbilical cord blood units, it is
13 recommended that this should be performed within the confines of a clinical research protocol

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1 **International Prognostic Scoring System**

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	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
% BM blasts	<5	5-10		11-20	21-30
Cytopenias	0-1	2-3			
Karyotype*	Good	Intermediate	Poor		
Risk Category	Low risk	Int-1	Int-2	High risk	
Score	0	0.5-1	1.5-2	≥2.5	

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*Good = normal, -Y, del(5q), del(20q)

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Poor = complex(≥3 chromosome abnormalities) or chromosome 7 abnormalities

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Intermediate = Changes not identified by the Good or Poor cytogenetic subgroups

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3 **Indications for Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant for Solid Tumours. Ewing’s sarcoma/PNET**

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High risk disease as part of initial treatment plan	CO	GNR	GNR
CR>1	CO	GNR	BNR

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Poor-risk disease	S	GNR	GNR
CR>1	CO	GNR	GNR

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CR>1	S	GNR	GNR
Refractory disease	CO	GNR	GNR

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CR1	CO	GNR	GNR

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8 **Breast**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
Adjuvant	D	GNR	GNR
Metastatic	D	GNR	GNR

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10 **Ovary**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
Any indication	D	GNR	GNR

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12 **Lung**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
Any indication	D	GNR	GNR

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14 **Renal**

	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
Any indication	GNR	D	D

1 **Section 9:**

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3 **Myelofibrosis**

	Sibling Transplant	MUD Transplant	Reduced Intensity	Autograft
Primary Myelofibrosis (for prognostic score see ¹) • Low Risk • Intermediate Risk • High Risk	GNR CO (<45 yrs) S (<45 yrs)	GNR CO (<45 yrs) S (<45 yrs)	GNR CO (>45 yrs) S (>45 yrs) CO (<45 if clinically unfit)	GNR CO2 CO2
Secondary Myelofibrosis • Post-PV MF • Post-ET MF	CO CO	CO CO	CO CO	GNR GNR

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No of adverse factors	Risk Group	Cases (%)	Median Survival
0	low	47	93
1	intermediate	45	26
2	high	8	13

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3 **Indications for Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant for Severe Autoimmune Diseases**

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Severe, resistant disease*	GNR	GNR	CO

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1 **Systemic sclerosis**

	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	Autograft
Severe, resistant disease*	D	GNR	CO

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	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	Autograft
Severe, resistant disease*	D	GNR	CO

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	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	Autograft
Severe, resistant disease*	GNR	GNR	CO

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Severe, resistant disease*	GNR	GNR	CO

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	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant	Autograft
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	Autograft	Sibling transplant	MUD transplant
Severe, resistant disease*	D	GNR	GNR

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