



France, France Greffe de Moelle (FGM) Registry (ION-1804)

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FGM staff will progressively be returning to FGM offices, current mail/cell phone numbers can still be used. For any urgent situation, please use the Emergency contact email and/or telephone: emergency.fgm@biomedecine.fr / +33-6-88 22 35 28.

1- Search requests continue to be accepted as usual;

2- Blood sample requests: **FGM is now able to provide again blood samples at the VT stage for HLA typing and IDM testings.** When contacting donors, donor centers will still check donor availability and perform the health history screening questionnaire, which continue to include screening for COVID-19 exposure.

3- Work-up requests:

FGM registry accepts work-up requests as usual. All donors are asked about their travel history, upcoming travel and exposure to COVID-19 within the last 28 days.

BM collections can again be requested, but the feasibility of the collection procedure will be discussed on a case to case basis.

Stem cell donation recommendations of the French health competent authorities (without prejudice to any other measures concerning other infectious agents):

Donor qualification:

The donor biological eligibility is carried out by testing the donor for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus by gene amplification (RT-PCR) on a naso-pharyngeal swab [or, if impossible, on a blood sample (whole blood, serum or plasma)]. The results are transmitted upon reception to the transplant team.

All donors are tested for SARS-CoV-2 before the start of GCSF stimulation and close to the day of donation.

Donors are asked to follow safety hygiene measures and are followed-up after the donation in order to detect any symptoms of Covid-19.

For donors having experienced documented SARS-CoV-2 infection, a stem cell collection can be accepted 28 days after the resolution of symptoms.

Transport of HPC collected from French donors or international donors

Border documents required by the national authorities are still mandatory until all borders closure have been cancelled.

- Cryopreservation of all unrelated products remains recommended at their reception by the transplant center facility, before the patient's conditioning starts. This recommendation is submitted to evolution according to the epidemic situation.