

General cord blood unit procedures for transplant centres

1. A request for information can be sent to Matchis Foundation.
The preferred way to submit a request for information is via EMDIS. The request for information must include: patient first name, last name, gender, date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy), diagnosis, bodyweight, and HLA typing.
2. Sanquin Cord Blood Bank will send the cord blood unit report (CBR) and, if requested, additional information directly to the requesting registry or transplant centre within 3 days.
3. Extended HLA-typing can be performed on request.
4. Upon request a cord blood unit can be reserved for a maximum interval of 90 days after which the reservation will automatically expire.
5. A request for shipment has to be submitted directly to Sanquin Cord Blood Bank (info.cbb@sanquin.nl) using the forms CB30 Cord blood unit shipment request <https://www.wmda.info/professionals/optimising-search-match-connect/wmda-forms/> in combination with “Conditions for shipment request”.
6. When a formal request for shipment is received, the following tests will be performed: CD34 viability, hemoglobinopathy screening, HLA confirmatory typing, CFU. As CFU takes 10 days, results will generally not be available yet at unit shipment. High resolution HLA typing of HLA- A, -B and -C will be done if not performed yet.
7. A unit will not be shipped until results of CD34 viability, hemoglobinopathy screening and HLA confirmatory typing are available.
8. The transplant centre is responsible for courier arrangements and the transport of the cord blood unit. The dry shipper of Sanquin CBB will be used. Shipment is preferably not on a Monday.
9. Fees:
 - Extended HLA typing, high resolution, per locus: € 150,-
 - Cancellation after shipment request: € 1500,-
 - Shipment of cord blood unit € 25.000,-
 - Use of dry shipper: € 350,-

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