

Public cord blood (stem cell)
bank

SACORD ?

Background

- Genetic diversity of South African population currently not catered for by the SABMR
→ solution: public cord blood stem cell bank
- Unhealthy situation currently in SA:
 - 2(3) private cord blood banks
 - high demand
 - unregulated
 - no public cord blood bank
 - absence of regulations relating to stem cells

Points to consider

- Profile of donors determined demographically
 - HLA typing of South African population
(Mariana Kruger, David Reynders, Michael Pepper)
- Cord blood donated
 - to be run as a not-for-profit entity
- Funding required for
 - initial set-up
 - subsequent running costs
- Major challenge: sustainability
- Technology and know-how established in SA

1st meeting of Interested Parties (Stakeholders)

Agenda

- Concept and need
- Structure (incl. infrastructure, skills requirement)
- Location
- Initial funding
- Sustainability
- Election of a steering committee

1st meeting of Interested Parties (Stakeholders)

- SABMR board meeting in Johannesburg
 - Friday 27 March
- Public Cord Blood bank meeting
 - Thursday 26 March
- Place: University of Pretoria
- Time: 11h00 – 16h00