



HOW TO CHOOSE A STEM CELL TRANSPLANT CENTER

Choosing a stem cell transplantation center is one of the most important decisions you will make during your or your loved one's treatment for cancer or another serious illness.

With many programs to choose from, the task may seem overwhelming. Here is a list of questions to help you make sure the center you are considering is the best match for you.

We also invite you to learn more about our Adult Stem Cell Transplantation Program by visiting www.dfbwcc.org/SCTchoice.

TRANSPLANT CENTERS

CENTER EXPERTISE

	DF/BWCC	CENTER NAME:	CENTER NAME:
• How long has the center been performing stem cell transplants?	Since 1972		
• How many transplants does the center perform each year?	More than 500		
• How many transplants has the center performed for people with your specific condition?			
• Does the center have a commitment to reporting and following patient outcomes, above and beyond national requirements?	✓		
• How many credentialed transplant physicians does the center have on staff?	More than 30		
• Do the center's nurses have extensive, specialized experience caring for transplant patients?	✓		
• Does the center actively collaborate with other clinicians in their hospital or practice – such as pulmonary and infectious disease experts – who specialize in stem cell transplantation?	✓		
• Does the center offer clinical trials for stem cell transplant patients (including national, multi-center trials)?			

CENTER EXPERTISE CONTINUED	TRANSPLANT CENTERS		
	DF/BWCC	CENTER NAME:	CENTER NAME:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you need an unrelated donor transplant, does the center have a specially trained donor search coordinator? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the center accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy and/or any other relevant organizations? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the center have a dedicated Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) facility to process the stem cells it uses for transplant? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the center identify members of a dedicated team that oversees quality initiatives for stem cell transplantation? 	✓		
YOUR TREATMENT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the center available to answer all of your questions about treatment? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the center responsive and helpful to the greatest possible degree, even before you make an appointment? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the same team be treating you before, during, and after your transplant? 			

YOUR TREATMENT	TRANSPLANT CENTERS		
	DF/BWCC	CENTER NAME:	CENTER NAME:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well will your insurance plan cover transplantation at this particular center? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well will your insurance plan cover any testing – including stem cell donor testing – you may need at this particular center, as well as required pre-transplant care, such as dental work? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well will your insurance plan cover any post-transplantation medications you may need and any other medical expenses you may incur at this center? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the center able to collaborate with your local medical provider on your pre- and post-transplant care? 			
AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What patient education materials, classes, and/or programs does the center offer? 	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What emotional and psychological support services does the center provide? 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will you have access to social workers, psychologists, and/or counselors at each stage of the transplant process? 			



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	<p>DF/BWCC</p>	<p>CENTER NAME:</p>	<p>CENTER NAME:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the center support caregivers and families of transplant patients? 	<p>✓</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the center put you in touch with transplant survivors who are willing to talk to you about their experiences? 			
<p>For more information about our Adult Stem Cell Transplantation Program, please visit www.dfbwcc.org/BMT or call 877-DFCI-BWH (332-4294).</p>			