

PACT Update: PACT Program Ending on 30 June, 2021

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After over seventeen years of support from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NIH), the PACT Coordinating Center's contract and operations will end on June 30, 2021. Through PACT's education initiative, part of PACT's mission has been to promote interest in cellular therapy/engineering among physicians and scientists-in-training and to prepare interested individuals for academic careers in cellular therapy/engineering. The PACT program therefore has developed its website (<https://pactgroup.net>) to be a valued resource to the cell therapy community. Kindly take time to review its contents, request SOPs, and/or download web seminar materials that are of interest, as the PACT website will no longer be available after June 30, 2021.

Additionally, we want to announce our final PACT web seminar entitled 'The COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities for Cell Processing Facilities' which will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 from 12-1:30pm ET. Speakers and Q&A session panelists will come from each of the 5 PACT Cell Processing Facilities. There will be an extended time for the Q&A session. More information will be posted on the PACT website.

It has been our pleasure serving the cell therapy community in this way and especially to the investigators for which the PACT program has provided clinical, translational and regulatory support.