

REVISION OF MDPB STANDARDS

1. Revision of MDPB Standards

- 1.1. The MDPB Standards are reviewed on a 3 year cycle.
- 1.2. If there are no major and urgent changes, the MDPB Standards are prolonged annually.
- 1.3. The medical and scientific regulations will be reviewed by the BHS-MDP-B Committee, the Committee will cross-check the WMDA recommendations.
- 1.4. The operational procedures will be reviewed by the MDPB-R and will cross check registry policy and procedures with the WMDA recommendations.
- 1.5. New and revised policies and procedures will be approved by the MDPB-R Governing Board.
- 1.6. The MDPB-R Governing Board may incorporate urgent amendments into the MDPB Standards.
- 1.7. Changes to Standards may be proposed by: the MDPB-R, the BHS-MDP-B Committee, all cooperative centers of the MDPB.
- 1.8. Requests for changes shall be sent to the MDPB-registry@rodekruis.be using the MDPB FRM014 Change request form with justification for any proposed changes.
- 1.9. The profound review (every 3 years) will be discussed in working groups, members are MDPB-R staff, voluntary members of the MDP-B Committee, members of the MDPB cooperative centers representing the different areas (at least one representative of the Donor Center, Collection Centers, HLA labs, Cord Blood Banks and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Banks). The working groups will discuss and incorporate any appropriate changes.
- 1.10. The Standards to be reviewed will be posted online for public comments for a period of 30 days. The cooperative centers representatives will be alerted by an email from the MDPB office.
- 1.11. The proposed changes after the review of the working groups will be posted online for public comments: members will be alerted by an email from the MDPB office and the comment period will be at the least 2 weeks in length.
- 1.12. The MDPB cooperative centers may be consulted if substantial revisions are made to the proposed Standard.
- 1.13. The new or revised Standard is presented to the BHS-MDP-B Committee and the Governing Board of the MDPB-R for approval.
- 1.14. If approved, a date at which the proposed change will be effective is proposed and approved by the Governing Board.
- 1.15. The revised Standards designated by an “effective date” are posted on the MDPB website (<https://www.stemcelldonor.be/>).

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- 1.16. A transition period of 3 months after the effective date is foreseen for the MDPB cooperative centers to use the adapted MDPB or WMDA forms.
- 1.17. Guidance and supervision during the transition period will be provided by MDPB-R staff.
- 1.18. A note is added to the history section of the Standards to identify the substantive changes.
- 1.19. Other accreditation documents are reviewed by the MDPB-R and altered to incorporate the new or revised Standards.