Your Family’s Medical Repair Kit

Singapore’s 1st Cord Lining Bank For Your Family

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您宝宝珍贵的脐带膜
您家庭的医疗修补储备

Must-Read for Expectant Families
所有准父母必读事项

Your Baby’s Precious Umbilical Cord Lining
If you are expecting a baby, your pregnancy presents you a unique opportunity to save one of nature’s best gifts to give your family members more medical treatment options when needed.

Cord blood and cord lining banking are becoming increasingly popular as people seek greater control of their own health. You can too, upon the delivery of your baby. This evidence-based leaflet on cord lining has been put together to help you make an informed decision.
Quick Facts about Cord Lining

1. Cord lining stem cells have immune-modulating characteristics. Therefore matching of stem cells between donor and the patient may not be required, which makes them useful for both your baby and other members in the family.

2. Cord lining contains two types of powerful stem cells: Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSC) and Epithelial Stem Cells (EpSC) as opposed to only MSC from Wharton’s Jelly, another part of the umbilical cord.

3. With cord lining stem cells, your baby and family members will have more treatment options in the future, especially for disorders* that are incurable today such as stroke and heart attack. MSC can also help increase the success rate of a cord blood transplant.

4. Cord lining is a richer and denser source of stem cells compared to the Wharton’s Jelly tissue so theoretically the desired number of cells required for treatment can be achieved at a much faster rate. Moreover, cells from cord lining grows faster as compared to those in Wharton’s Jelly and hence, it will be more beneficial in treatments that are time sensitive which will require a shorter waiting time for cell growth.

5. When you store cord lining for your baby and family, you are storing the original source of stem cells, which can be used to support multiple medical treatments whenever needed.

6. Using cryogenic preservation technique, the therapeutic value of cord lining stem cells is preserved until the need for treatment arises.

7. Your baby only has one chance in a lifetime to have his/her cord lining collected as this painless and harmless process must be done at birth.

* in clinical trials

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One of the key factors for successful cellular therapy is the amount of cells available for transplantation to provide a therapeutic effect. The cells from early passages are preferred for cellular therapy to prevent tumour formation.

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**Fig. 1 Cross-section of an umbilical cord**
Other than containing cord blood, umbilical cord also contains Wharton’s jelly, umbilical arteries, allantoic duct and an umbilical vein. These components are protected by a sheet-like membrane known as cord lining. Most companies use an open-source technique known as enzymatic digestion to isolate mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) from Wharton’s jelly. Cordlife however, adopts a patented technology using explant culture method to isolate two important types of stem cells including MSC and epithelial stem cells (EpSC) from cord lining. This gives you and your family the access to more treatment options in the future.

What is Cord Lining?

If I have decided to store my baby’s cord blood, do I need to store cord lining too?

Yes, we recommend you to store both cord blood and cord lining stem cells as each type of stem cells has unique healing ability. By storing all types of stem cells found in cord blood and cord lining, you are preserving a set of unique biological resources that is equivalent to a “self-repair kit” for your child and possibly, other family members.
Applications with MSC and EpSC

The table below outlines some of the potential applications with cord lining stem cells evaluated in more than 450 clinical trials today. Most of these conditions have limited treatment options today. As clinical research continues to take place globally, this list will grow with time.

Disorders investigated in MSC Clinical Trials
(more than 450 trials currently)

- Tissue repair
  - Stroke
  - Heart failure
  - Alzheimer’s disease
  - Parkinson’s disease
  - Spinal cord injury
  - Orthopaedic indications
    - (bone, cartilage, tendon repair)
  - Liver failure

- Immune modulation or reconstitution
  - HIV
  - Type 1 diabetes
  - Graft versus host disease (GvHD)

- HSCs engraftment support
  - Shorten time of engraftment
  - Reduce immune system complications

Disorders investigated in EpSC Clinical Trials

- Soft tissue repair
  - Skin wounds
  - Ocular surface disorders
  - Persistent epithelial defect
  - Replacement of insulin-producing cells for diabetic patients
  - Haemophilia

**MSC Application Reports**

**MSC and Skeletal Repair**
- Treatment for knee cartilage damage was conducted by National University Hospital, Orthopaedic Surgery of Singapore;
- Since 2006, 35 patients with worn knee cartilage underwent injection of autologous ex-vivo expanded MSC from bone marrow;
- Patients were reported to have improvements in quality of life such as regaining ability to climb stairs and reduction of pain.

Source: The Straits Times, Singapore – August 2009

**MSC in Heart Attack**
- 69 heart attack patients were treated;
- Following angioplasty, doctor directly injected patients’ damaged heart site with MSC harvested from patients’ own bone marrow;
- Results showed significant improvements in patients’ left ventricular function.


**EpSC Application Reports**

**EpSC and Wound Healing**
- Treatment trial was conducted by Singapore General Hospital, Burn Centre;
- 8 patients with 10 skin wounds were treated with autologous and allogenic skin epithelium (keratinocytes) cultured and transplanted with polymer dressing aid;
- Rapid re-epithelialization, closure and healing of wounds observed.


**EpSC and Ocular Surface Disorders**
- Treatment trial was conducted by Singapore Eye Research Centre;
- 7 patients in Singapore with various ocular surface disorders received treatment;
- Autologous harvesting and cultivation of conjunctival epithelial stem cells were used;
- Transplantation of cultured stem cells on human amniotic membrane;
- All 7 patients fully recovered: disease resolution and complication free.

Harness the Power of Cord Lining

with CellOptima™

Two types of stem cells

MSC
Mesenchymal Stem Cells

EpSC
Epithelial Stem Cells

Patented Technology with 20 Patent Protection granted and 6 more pending

Cordlife is Singapore’s only Authorised Company with CellOptima™.

More than 20 years ago, bone marrow was found to contain MSC, then Wharton’s Jelly from the umbilical cord was found to contain MSC as well. More recently, a team of award-winning doctors and scientists from Singapore made significant inroad in the world with the discovery of two powerful stem cell types: MSC and EpSC, from cord lining. Together, the Cambridge and Stanford University trained duo developed a unique technology known as CellOptima™, designed to harvest and multiply stem cells from cord lining. This revolutionary discovery subsequently led the team to receiving patent grants from 20 countries including the United States, China, Singapore, Hong Kong and patent grants from another 6 countries are still pending for final approval. These patents prohibit anyone other than the patent owner from harvesting stem cells from cord lining.

Patent Certificate for Isolation of Stem Cells from Cord Lining
CellOptima™ Assurances for You and Your Family

With CellOptima™, you will receive the following assurances:

Optimal Condition Assurance

Using CellOptima™ proprietary cell biomarker verification, your baby’s cord lining will be tested after 4 weeks of cryopreservation. During this process, sample segments of the frozen cord lining will be thawed and MSC and/or EpSC will be harvested according to your choice of storage plan. This verification step is important as it helps ensure that your baby’s cord lining has been properly stored and can be used for future medical treatments. The objective of this process is to validate the following:

✓ Cell type/s confirmation using MSC and/or EpSC biomarkers
✓ Cell viability
✓ Cell proliferation also known as the ability to multiply further
✓ Cord lining sterility

Usability Assurance

Both MSC and EpSC harvested with CellOptima™ have been used successfully in human clinical applications. This gives you peace of mind knowing that what you are storing today, can really be used in the future to help your family.

Technology Accessibility Assurance

As long as you remain a cord lining client of Cordlife, you are a guaranteed member of Global Cord Registry. As a member, you will have automatic access to CellOptima™ for the isolation and expansion of MSC and/or EpSC to support medical treatments.
Why Parents
Bank Cord Lining with Cordlife

Publicly Listed • Transparent Credibility

As a Singapore Exchange Mainboard listed company (SGX-ST: P8A), our group is audited annually by Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers. As stem cell transplant or therapy may take place now or much later in life, choosing a company with sound and transparent financial status is crucial to ensure that the company is one you can trust to be here for the long haul.

Most Experienced • Widest Network

Headquartered in Singapore, Cordlife Group has accumulated over 14 years of experience in the industry. Our in-depth knowledge is recognised by many world-class quality standard organisations as well as country regulators in Asia. In 2007, Cordlife was bestowed the prestigious “Technology Pioneer” title by the World Economic Forum, which further validated the Group’s outstanding performance. Cordlife operates facilities across Asia in Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia and The Philippines as well as Malaysia and China through strategic investments.

Authorised Company in Singapore with CellOptima™:
Giving You More Cell Types and Higher Possibility of Achieving Sufficient Cells At Earlier Passages

With CellOptima™, you and your family will have access to two types of cord lining stem cells that can be used to treat a variety of medical conditions, some of which are incurable today. Furthermore, cord lining contains more cells, therefore there is a higher possibility to culture the targeted number of cells required in earlier passages. Cells from early passages are preferred for cellular therapy to prevent tumour formation.

Secure Processing and Storage Facility in Singapore

Located in A’Posh BizHub at Yishun, our state-of-the-art facility specially designed for laboratory setting. Our facility is fully managed by highly qualified and laboratory biotechnologists who have many years of blood and tissue banking experience. Built around stringent criteria set by the AABB (the world’s gold standard in family cord blood banking), our facility is closely monitored round-the-clock and equipped with the most advanced fire protection system as well as multiple back-up systems for the provision of continuous power at all times.

Post-Thaw Viability and Contamination Analysis

Cordlife provides post-thaw viability and contamination analysis on cord lining that has been cryopreserved for 4 weeks. Aimed to give you peace of mind, this analysis verifies if your baby’s cord lining has been properly stored and can be used for future medical treatment.

Flexible Storage Method

Cordlife adopts multiple cryovial storage method to give you the opportunity to use your baby’s cord lining for more than one medical treatment. With this method, you can withdraw one cryovial at a time without affecting the viability of cord lining sections safely stored in other cryovials.
若您已经怀孕，正期待宝宝的来临，这对您的家人而言，是一份天赐的礼物。让他们将来有需要时，拥有更多医疗选择。

越来越多父母为了保障家庭的健康，已储存宝宝的脐带血及脐带膜。您在分娩时，也能这么做。这本以科学实证作根本的脐带膜干细胞小册子可供您作全面的参考。
脐带膜干细胞能调节免疫系统，因此捐赠者及接受移植病患的干细胞配无须吻合配对。这有效地保障您的宝宝和其他家庭成员。

脐带膜共有两种强效的干细胞，如间质干细胞及上皮干细胞而华顿氏胶质（脐带的另一部份）只含间质干细胞。

脐带膜干细胞为您宝宝及家中其他家庭成员的未来提供更多医疗选择，特别是直至现时仍无法治愈的失调病症如中风和心脏病。间质干细胞也能提高脐带血移植的成功率。

脐带膜比华顿氏胶质含有更多细胞，所以理论上来说，要达到治疗所需的细胞量将会更快速。除此之外，脐带膜干细胞比华顿氏胶质干细胞生长的更快速。这对于急迫需要干细胞的治疗较为有利。

储存脐带膜，就是为宝宝及家人储存干细胞的源头。这让您在日后有需时，能取得更多干细胞支援多种医疗用途。

应用低温储存技术，脐带膜的治疗价值会被保存在良好的状态，让您能在有需时用作治疗用途。

您宝宝一生只有一次采集脐带膜的机会，采集过程完全安全无痛，不会造成任何伤害。

*临床研究
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成功细胞疗法其中的关键因素是使用适当的细胞量以提供治疗效果。而初期代的细胞为首选，以防止肿瘤形成。

什么是脐带?

脐带是连接胎盘和胎儿的管道，血液通过脐带，输送氧气和养分给子宫里的胎儿。脐带会在分娩后被剪掉，常与胎盘被当作医疗废物一并丢弃。直至近年，研究人员开始意识到脐带宝贵的医疗潜力。

图1: 脐带膜切面
脐带内除了含有脐带血，还有华顿氏胶质、脐动脉、脐静脉及尿囊柄。它们均被一层薄纸般的薄膜保护，称为脐带膜。大多数的脐带血库使用开源技术被称为酶消化，从华顿氏胶质提取间质干细胞。相对的，康盛人生采用突破专利技术，使用块法分离，从脐带膜隔离两种强效的干细胞。这两种干细胞包括间质干细胞及上皮干细胞，让您和家人未来获得更多治疗选择。

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如果我决定储存宝宝的脐带血，是否还有需要储存脐带膜？

是的，我们建议您同时储存脐带血及脐带膜，因为它们各有本身独特的修复能力。储存所有脐带血及脐带膜中的干细胞，可为您的孩子及其他家庭成员提供独一无二的“自体修补储备”。
间质干细胞及上皮干细胞
应用潜力

以下简表列出脐带膜干细胞的临床研究应用潜力，至今已超过450项，当中大部份的疾病仍是不治之症。随着各国大学和研究机构继续研究，其成果有望应用到更多疾病的治疗中：

### 间质干细胞应用于紊乱疾病的临床研究
（至今已超过450项）

- 修复组织
  - 中风
  - 心脏衰竭
  - 阿兹海默症
  - 柏金逊症
  - 脊髓损伤
  - 骨科治疗（骨骼、软骨、修补筋腱）
  - 肝脏衰竭

- 免疫系统调节或重建
  - 人类免疫缺陷病毒
  - 一型糖尿病
  - 抗宿主疾病

- 辅助植入造血干细胞
  - 加快干细胞植入时间
  - 减少免疫系统并发症

### 上皮干细胞应用于紊乱疾病的临床研究

- 修复软组织
- 皮肤伤口
- 眼部表层肌肉衰竭
- 永久上皮缺损
- 为糖尿病病人更新胰岛素生成细胞
- 血友病

间质干细胞及骨骼修复

- 膝头软骨受损治疗：由新加坡国立大学医院骨科手术室主导研究；自2006年，已有35名膝头软骨退化患者接受自体体外增生骨髓间质干细胞移植；
- 据报导，患者恢复上下楼梯的能力，痛苦减轻，因而改善了生活品质。

资料来源：新加坡海峡时报，2009年8月。

间质干细胞应用于心脏病

- 69名心脏病患者接受治疗：在血管成形术治疗后，医生从患者自体骨髓取得间质干细胞并注射入心脏受损部位；
- 结果显示患者左心房功能有显著改善。

资料来源：Chen SL et al. Improvement of cardiac function after transplantation of autologous bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells in patients with acute myocardial infarction. Chinese Medical Journal 2004 117(0): 1443-1448。
康盛人生是新加坡唯一拥有专利突破科技CellOptima™的脐带血脐带储存库

20多年前，研究员发现骨髓及脐带里的华顿氏胶质都含有间质干细胞。近年，新加坡一组得奖的医生及科学家团队取得进展，发现脐带膜中有两种强效干细胞—间质干细胞及上皮干细胞。这团队在剑桥和史丹福大学接受训练，并研发出独特技术—CellOptima™。这项技术，专门培殖及增生脐带膜中的干细胞。这项革命性的发现，让该团队取得20个国家的专利授权，包括新加坡、美国、中国、及香港。同时，在另外6个国家，授权正等审批。这些专利明确地禁止除专利拥有者以外人士从脐带膜取得干细胞。
CellOptima™ 给您与您家人的信心保证

CellOptima™ 能给予您以下信心保证:

最佳状态保证

使用CellOptima™ 细胞生物商标核实，您宝宝的脐带膜会于冷冻4星期后进行测试。过程中，冷冻的脐带膜会解冻，然后根据您所选择的储存服务计划，采集间质或上皮干细胞。这项重要的核实步骤，能保证您宝宝的脐带膜已储存妥当，可用于未来治疗。这个过程能确保下列各项生效

✓ 以细胞生物商标核实来确认细胞种类
✓ 细胞活性
✓ 细胞增容能力（即继续分裂增生的能力）
✓ 脐带膜无污染测试

可用性保证

应用CellOptima™ 所采集及增容的间质干细胞和上皮干细胞，已进行人类临床研究并取得成功。因此您可放心知道，您现在所储存的脐带膜，能在未来给您与家人使用。

科技应用保证

客户如在康盛人生储存脐带膜，将自动成为全球脐带膜注册处的会员。成为会员后，我们可以为您应用CellOptima™ 来采集及增容间质干细胞及/或上皮干细胞作为医疗用途。
选择康盛人生储存脐带膜？

上市公司•透明度高

康盛人生新加坡主板上市公司（SGX-ST：P8A）每年经由安永及罗兵咸道会计师事务所负责审核。正因为干细胞可能在未来用于移植或治疗，所以您更要选择一家财政透明稳健而值得信赖的公司，为您提供长远保障。

丰富经验•最强网络

康盛人生集团总部设于新加坡，拥有14年脐带血与脐带膜处理及储存的丰富经验。康盛人生的专业品质已被许多国际机构及亚洲政府认证。在2007年，康盛人生更获颁颇具权威的世界经济论坛“科技领导先驱”的名衔，进一步证明集团杰出的表现。康盛人生的储存库遍布亚洲，包括新加坡、香港、印度、菲律宾及印尼，更在马来西亚及中国进行策略性投资。

拥有CellOptimaTM专利技术的脐带血脐带储存库：

给您更多种不同的干细胞及更高机会在初期代增生足够细胞量

使用CellOptimaTM，您和您的家人均可使用两种脐带膜干细胞用于多项疾病治疗，大部份更是至今还无法医治的。除此之外，脐带膜含有更多细胞量，所以要在初期代增生足够的细胞量的可能性很高。初期代的细胞为医疗首选，以防止肿瘤形成。

新加坡最可靠的处理及储存设备

我们设于义顺的A’Posh Bizhub的实验室根据AABB（美国血库协会）的严谨要求建造，并由一支拥有丰富血和组织经验的化验师团队管理。同时，实验室设有24小时全天候保安装置、最先进的防火设备及后备系统，确保电供不会中断。

解冻后干细胞活性及污染分析

康盛人生会为已于低温储存超过4周的脐带膜进行解冻后活性及污染分析。上述分析能确保您宝宝的脐带膜已经储存妥当，可于将来需要治疗时使用，让您可以放心。

灵活储存方法

康盛人生采用多支特制抗冻管储存您宝宝的脐带膜，让您宝宝的脐带膜可使用于超过一项治疗。通过这种方式，您可以抽取其中一支抗冻管，而不会影响其它抗冻管组织的活性。
Find out more at:
您可以通过以下途径取得更多相关信息:

24-Hour Hotline
24小时热线
6238 0808

Consultation Booths and Centre
康盛人生科技咨询台与中心

Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital
伊丽莎白诺维娜医院
Mon – Fri (9am – 6pm), Sat (9am – 1pm)

Thomson Medical Centre
康生医院
Mon – Fri (9.30am – 5pm), Sat (9.30 – 12.30pm)

Thomson Diagnostic Ultrasound Centre
( Novena Medical Center 诺维娜医疗中心)
Mon – Fri (9am – 5pm), Sat (9am – 1pm)

Parkway East Hospital
百汇东岸医院
Mon – Fri (9.30am – 5pm)

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