

FAQ Sheet – Cost Effectiveness Substudy

BMT CTN 1101

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study is to help doctors and patients understand the costs and effects of two different transplant types. In the future, this study may help with treatment decision making based on both the costs involved and how well the treatments work.

What does participation in this study involve?

Participation in this study will involve completing a survey on personal cost information at 3 survey collection time points: 1-month, 4-months and 7-months after the patient's original transplant date. Each survey is expected to take 15-30 minutes to complete, depending on how much cost information there is to enter.

Why do you need my health insurance information?

We need your health insurance information in order to get information on the reimbursements made by your health insurer. After you have finished the transplant study, we will use the health insurance information you have given to calculate the cost of your transplant.

Only research staff from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center will have access to this information. Confidentiality will be maintained using standard data security procedures including a pledge of confidentiality signed by all research staff, data encryption, storage of all digital / electronic data under network and password protection, storage of all physical files (paper or other media such as CDs) in secure facilities (i.e. on-campus locked offices and locked filing cabinets).

Do I have to participate in the cost surveys?

No. We know that completing the surveys takes time. You may still participate in the study even if you do not complete the cost surveys.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Any personal information you provide will remain strictly confidential as required by law and study protocols. All identifying information, such as your name or health insurance information, will not be linked to your survey answers and will not appear in any reports, publications, journal articles or presentations at scientific meetings.

Will you collect hospital charge amounts as part of the cost-effectiveness analysis?

No. We will only collect health insurance claims (i.e. the amount paid by health insurers for medical services) for patients that consent to participate in the cost-effectiveness analysis.

Will participation in this study affect my medical care or health insurance?

No. Your participation in this study will have no impact on your health care or health insurance.

Can my caregiver complete the cost diary survey for me?

Yes. Your caregiver may complete the cost diary for you if you consent to participate in the CEA study.

Can I use my cost diary for tax records?

Yes. The cost diary information you provide may be helpful for taxation purposes if tracked all year long. The CEA study staff will provide you with a summary of the information at the end of the study.