

The Cellular Therapy Support Service (CTSS) assists research teams interested in opening trials involving cellular therapy. Cellular therapy is the administration of engineered and/or expanded cells as a medicinal product to induce a therapeutic effect. UNMC/NM is an accredited institution that allows our providers to offer stem cell transplant, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR T), and other cellular therapy infusions both on clinical trials and once commercially available. This requires that all departments utilizing these therapies be compliant with regulations put forth by the Food & Drug Administration as well as with the Foundation of Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT).

The CTSS service fees are integrated into the sponsor budget. There is no cost to departments for the use of this group.

The CTSS assists with the following:

- Study start up including logistic planning working closely with the sponsor/commercial Cellular Therapy team, Apheresis, and the Biologic Production Facility to ensure subject/patient safety and compliance; internal & external feasibility analysis; and submission to study intake
- Budget review, coverage analysis and budget negotiations
- Regulatory coordination
- Nursing resource for research team coordinators for subject/patient and product management.

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