

# How to choose a cord blood bank 7 things to know



The Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation defines 7 key considerations when choosing a cord blood bank.

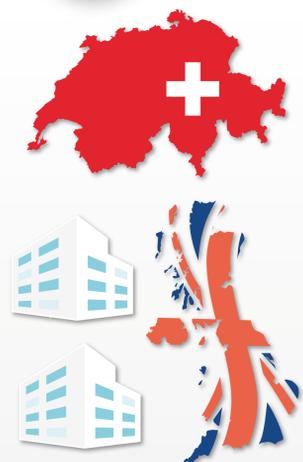
## 1: Experience

91



Experience is a good indication of competence in any stem cell bank and ours is second to none. We are the UK's most experienced cord blood bank, releasing **91** samples for treatment in our 17 year history.

## 2: Stability



We privately own and operate an on-site laboratory in the UK and two storage facilities in the UK and Switzerland, and have done so since our inception. These facilities allow us to remain at the forefront of stem cell technology. We follow the industry-approved volume reduced processing method for all samples, ensuring safety and a cell recovery rate of up to 99% pre freeze.

## 3: Inventory

150,000



75,000

We currently store over **150,000** samples for over **75,000** families - more than all other UK stem cell banks. Over 100 of these have been released for treatments so far. All samples are stored at our dedicated storage facilities, which are fully regulated and accredited. We own two storage facilities in Nottingham, UK and Switzerland.

## 4: Insurance

2 YEARS INSURANCE



From insurance policies to on-site surveillance, it gives peace of mind to know that your sample is fully secure. We are the only cord blood bank to offer new customers free StemCellCare insurance for 2 years. Our storage vessels are monitored 24/7 in real-time using our temperature monitoring system, backed by a team of on-call scientific officers.

## 5: Shipment

24/7



WORLDWIDE



If you ever need your sample, transportation and shipment is totally free of charge to anywhere in the world. We use our own medically approved courier to transport samples directly, 24/7.

## 6: Accreditations

One of the most important factors to consider is whether your chosen stem cell bank is fully licensed and accredited by the relevant regulatory bodies. We are one of the most accredited banks in the world, holding **MHRA** and **AABB** accreditations, **GMP** certification and licences from **Swissmedic**, **HTA**, **OFSP**, **iSO-9001** and **FCA**. To ensure we're continuously meeting standards, we comply with each accreditors regular audits in addition to performing our own, maintaining the Future Health standard.



## 7: Pricing

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**MONTHS INTEREST FREE PAYMENTS**

For cord blood and cord tissue banking, we provide three main price packages: Standard, Premium and Premium+, all including a one-off setup fee and a small annual storage fee. Interest-free payment plans are available over 6 and 12 months. Additional services such as dental pulp banking, Vision NIPT and Outlook Newborn screening tests can be purchased individually.