



FACT Cellular Therapy Accreditation Workshop

prior to the **TANDEM MEETINGS**

February 3, 2026 | 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

Grand Ballroom | Hilton Salt Lake City Center
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Agenda

**Check-in starts at 7:30 AM.
Breakfast is not provided.**

Early badge pickup is available
February 2 from 5:00-5:30 pm
at the Registration Room,
following the Quality Boot Camp.

7:55 AM - 8:00 AM (5 MIN)

WELCOME



8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (45 MIN)

**PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE:
PREPARING FOR FACT
ACCREDITATION**



This session covers key
components of the FACT
accreditation process, offering
strategies for preparation, action
planning, and understanding roles
of key participants.

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM (30 MIN)

**COMPLIANCE
APPLICATION READINESS:
TOOLS FOR SUCCESS**



This session provides an in-depth
overview of the compliance
application process, with guidance
on compiling, organizing, and
meeting FACT's documentation
requirements.

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM (30 MIN)

**EXPANDING FACT
ACCREDITATION: WHERE
ARE WE NOW?**



This session offers an overview of
FACT's role in cellular therapy,
current initiatives, and how
accreditation aligns with regulations
to reduce audit burdens.

**9:45 AM - 10:00 AM
(15 MIN)**

BREAK

**10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
(30 MIN)**

**NAVIGATING THROUGH
THE ACCREDITATION
PORTAL**



This session will guide you through
the FACT Accreditation Portal and
compliance application, building
practical skills for submitting
documentation demonstrating
compliance with FACT Standards.

**10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
(45 MIN)**

**EXPLORING CHANGES
IN NEW EDITIONS OF THE
HCT/IEC STANDARDS**



Explore key components of FACT
Standards, highlighting practical
examples of how programs adapted
to meet accreditation requirements
across the cellular therapy process.

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (30 MIN)

QMP ESSENTIALS: ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



Discover the core principles of Quality Management Programs (QMP) that drive compliance, consistency, and continuous improvement for accreditation. This session explores practical strategies for building a culture of quality, aligning processes with standards, and sustaining measurable performance outcomes.

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (30 MIN)
LUNCH BREAK

12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (30 MIN)

**ADDRESSING CHAIN OF IDENTITY/
CHAIN OF CUSTODY COMPLIANCE**



Ensure accuracy, traceability, and patient safety through effective chain of custody and chain of identity practices in cellular therapy. This session highlights compliance essentials, real-world challenges, and process solutions that strengthen confidence from collection to infusion.

12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (30 MIN)

LEARNING FROM THE UNTHINKABLE



Explore critical lessons from rare but impactful mishaps in cellular therapy to enhance patient safety and process reliability. This session provides a thoughtful review of case studies, root cause analysis, and proactive risk reduction strategies for healthcare professionals.

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (30 MIN)

**LEARNING FROM THE UNTHINKABLE -
INTERACTIVE CASE REVIEW**



1:45 PM - 2:30 PM (45 MIN)

SOLUTIONS FOR COMMON COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES



This session examines common compliance challenges with FACT Standards, highlighting frequent clinical deficiencies, analyzing inspection report trends, and offering evidence-based strategies for improvement.

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (15 MIN)
BREAK

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM (30 MIN)

**ACCREDITATION
SUCCESS STORIES**



This session features real-world success stories from cellular therapy programs, highlighting effective strategies for achieving and maintaining compliance with FACT Standards.

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM (30 MIN)

**ENSURING COMPLIANCE THROUGH
QUALITY DATA PRACTICES**



Discover how strong data management practices support and sustain FACT compliance in cellular therapy. This session focuses on data integrity, documentation, and performance monitoring strategies that drive continuous improvement and accreditation readiness.

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM (45 MIN)

**FACT READINESS: BUILDING A
CULTURE OF COMPLIANCE**



Explore how effective training, consistent communication, and competency assessment create the foundation for sustained FACT readiness. This session features real-world examples of programs that have successfully built a culture of compliance through engaged teams and practical implementation strategies.

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (30 MIN)

ASK FACT ANYTHING

Open Q&A and dynamic exchanges on program-specific approaches to compliance.