

Public cord blood (stem cell)  
bank

SACORD ?

# Background

- Genetic diversity of South African population currently not catered for by the SABMR  
→ solution: public cord blood stem cell bank
- Unhealthy situation currently in SA:
  - 2(3) private cord blood banks
    - high demand
    - unregulated
  - no public cord blood bank
  - absence of regulations relating to stem cells

# Points to consider

- Profile of donors determined demographically
  - HLA typing of South African population  
(Mariana Kruger, David Reynders, Michael Pepper)
- Cord blood donated
  - to be run as a not-for-profit entity
- Funding required for
  - initial set-up
  - subsequent running costs
- Major challenge: sustainability
- Technology and know-how established in SA

# 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Interested Parties (Stakeholders)

## Agenda

- Concept and need
- Structure (incl. infrastructure, skills requirement)
- Location
- Initial funding
- Sustainability
- Election of a steering committee

# 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Interested Parties (Stakeholders)

- SABMR board meeting in Johannesburg
  - Friday 27 March
- Public Cord Blood bank meeting
  - Thursday 26 March
- Place: University of Pretoria
- Time: 11h00 – 16h00