

# Chennai-based LifeCell receives AABB accreditation

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CITY-BASED LifeCell International has received American Association of Blood Banks accreditation for its umbilical cord tissue banking services. With this, LifeCell has become India's first stem cell bank to possess AABB accreditation for both cord blood and cord tissue preservation.

AABB is an international non-profit body dedicated to developing highest standards in blood and cord blood banking, transfusion medicine and cellular therapy. The AABB accreditation is granted after assessing stem cell processing, cryo-preservation records, document control, inspection, training of lab technicians, sample identification, traceability and validation of cord tissue preservation to quality compliances.

"This assures parents banking their baby's umbilical cord blood and cord tissue stem cells with us that sample has been qualified, collected, processed and stored as per internationally approved standards and gives them an access to stem cells from any part of the world, when needed," said Mayur Abhaya, executive director, LifeCell International.

LifeCell has in-house research facility where it has developed the technology to derive cord tissues from mesenchymal stem cells since 2009. LifeCell offers services like cord blood, cord tissue, menstrual blood and dental pulp stem banking. [sangeethag@mydigitallfc.com](mailto:sangeethag@mydigitallfc.com)