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Dr. Pablo Rubinstein, M.D.

Dr. Pablo Rubinstein has pioneered cord blood banking for unrelated recipients and has played a leading role in international cord blood transplantation.

Dr. Rubinstein is the co-founder and director of the National Cord Blood Program at the New York Blood Center. This program has assembled a large inventory of cord blood units from ethnically diverse donors, enabling it to serve the needs of patients across the world.

He specializes in immunogenetics, which encompasses the structure and function of genes that regulate immune responses, control the acceptance or rejection of tissue and organ transplants, and affect susceptibility to certain diseases.

After earning his medical degree from the Universidad de Chile in 1962, Dr. Rubinstein completed a surgical residency at Hospital Clinico Jose Joaquin Aguiree in Chile.

Dr. Rubinstein then completed a fellowship at M.I. Bassett Hospital at Columbia University. He also completed an international fellowship at the National Institutes of Health at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

After the fellowships, Dr. Rubinstein went back to Chile as a professor at the Universidad de Chile for four years.

He then returned to the United States to begin his affiliation with the New York Blood Center. He began as an investigator at the Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute and is currently the director of the Fred H. Allen Jr. Laboratory of Immunogenetics.

Dedicated to education, Dr. Rubinstein is an adjunct clinical professor at Columbia University and is the author of more than 200 research papers on immunogenetics, cord blood banking and transplantation.

Leo J. McCarthy, M.D. Lectureship in Transfusion Medicine

The Leo J. McCarthy, M.D. Lectureship in Transfusion Medicine was established in 1997 through the Riley Children’s Foundation to enhance the educational experience of students, residents, fellows and faculty, and to improve the care of children requiring transfusions.

Dr. McCarthy joined the Indiana University School of Medicine faculty in 1971 as a professor in pathology, laboratory medicine and pediatrics. He was also director of the division of transfusion medicine for three decades. He retired from the faculty after 32 years and is now professor emeritus.

Dr. McCarthy is a fellow of both the Edinburgh and Ireland Royal College of Physicians. He has received the John Elliott Memorial Award from the American Association of Blood Banks, the Victor H. Muller Award from the Indiana State Association of Blood Banks and was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana’s governor in 2003.
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Harold S. Kaplan, M.D.

Professor of Health Policy
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Harold S. Kaplan, M.D., is Professor of Health Policy at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. His research interests are directed at patient safety and focused on establishing standardized medical event reporting for error prevention and management.

Dr. Kaplan served as the principal investigator for NHLBI R01 funded research that led to the development and implementation of an event reporting system in transfusion medicine (MERS-TM), aspects of which have been used in hospitals in the US, Canada, Ireland and Croatia. He is co-inventor of BloodLok, a device used in the US and Europe to improve patient transfusion safety that requires individuals performing blood transfusion to utilize a patient’s wristband to assure accurate identification.

Dr. Kaplan was also principal investigator on Columbia University’s AHRQ U18 grant, “Reporting Systems and Learning: Best Practices.” This general event reporting system was successfully implemented in the New York Presbyterian Hospital system and is being implemented at the Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center.

Additionally, he served as principal investigator on “Patient Safety Analysis Training: A DoD/AHRQ Partnership.” Dr. Kaplan is currently the principal investigator on the NPSF Grant, “Knowledge Discovery: The development of an error/solution matrix to improve patient safety.”

Dr. Kaplan was honored in 2005 by the AABB for his transfusion safety work with the first Hemphill-Jordan Award. He currently serves on the Patient Safety Advisory Editorial Board of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority. Previously Dr. Kaplan was on the editorial board of Quality & Safety in Health Care, the National Quality Forum Technical Advisory Panel on Standardizing a Patient Safety Taxonomy, and a temporary advisor to the World Health Organization. He has also chaired the Patient Safety Research Coordinating Committee for AHRQ and been a member of the MPSMS Technical and AHRQ Medication Safety Expert panels.