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**SECTION 08.0  
NZBMDR FEE STRUCTURE and BILLING**

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## SECTION 8.0 NZBMDR FEES AND BILLING

**Funding of unrelated searches, the cost of tissue typing, freight, stem cell procurement and courier expenses are paid by the District Health Board (DHB) of the patient for whom the search is conducted.**

**A search deposit of \$5000 is required by the NZBMDR before any testing of donors is requested.**

### 8.1 UNRELATED SEARCH DEPOSIT

NZBMDR will invoice the District Health Board of the patient Search Centre for \$5000 before any requests are made for tissue typing potential donors for that patient. This money is held by the NZBMDR and used for payment of patient requested tissue typing of donors on registries both within and outside New Zealand. It may also be used for other search related expenses.

### 8.2 FURTHER FUNDING

If the initial deposit of \$5000 has been depleted the NZBMDR will contact the Search Centre to ascertain if the search is to continue. If the search is to continue the District Health Board must supply further funding, or give an assurance to the NZBMDR that an invoice for further expenditure will be reimbursed.

### 8.3 PAYMENT OF INVOICES

All invoices for services associated with a patient search will be paid by NZBMDR within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. These payments will be debited to the patient's search deposit which has been paid by the requesting DHB.

### 8.4 PAYMENT FOR HAEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL PROCUREMENT

The requesting Search Centre must guarantee payment of the cost of procuring Stem Cells before a stem cell collection can be finalised.

The Search Centre must pay all courier expenses including travel and accommodation.

NZBMDR will pay the invoice for stem cell procurement within 30 days and on-charge the requesting DHB.

The stem cell procurement costs must be reimbursed to NZBMDR within 30 days by the requesting DHB.

### 8.5 FINAL PATIENT ACCOUNT STATEMENT

When a patient search is concluded, either by cancellation by the search centre or after procurement of stem cells, a final statement will be produced. Evidence of all payments and receipts will be filed and kept for 30 years under the patient's name.

**8.6 ABMDR FEE SCHEDULE**

The NZBMDR has an agreement with the ABMDR in which donor typing and supply of HSC will be at an agreed cost with the rider that this cost will be the equal number of dollars but charged at Australian dollars from Australia and New Zealand dollars from New Zealand.

**8.7 INTERNATIONAL FEE SCHEDULE see BMDW website**

All testing of NZBMDR donors is requested through the ABMDR STAR system. Each month ABMDR will forward a list of tests completed on NZBMDR donors. An invoice will be issued by NZBMDR for payment to be made directly to NZBMDR.

The ABMDR has a reciprocal fee charging agreement with all other Bone Marrow Donor Registries. As the ABMDR acts as the HUB for NZBMDR the same agreement will apply.