



Municipality of Heraklion

Public Cord Blood Bank Crete (CBBC)  
Of the Hematology Department & Clinic of  
the University Hospital of Crete (PAGNI)



Heraklion, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Press Release

### An awareness week full of diverse activities in Heraklion by the Municipality of Heraklion & Public Cord Blood Bank Crete

*Open door event for the general public on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019  
at the at the Cultural & Convention Centre of Heraklion, Experimental Stage*

The Municipality of Heraklion through the Social Services Department and Public Cord Blood Bank Crete ([CBBC](#)) of the Hematology Department & Clinic of the University Hospital of Heraklion (PAGNI), in cooperation with the Medical School of the University of Crete and the Directorate of Secondary Education of Heraklion, organise for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year the «**Stem Cells' Awareness Week**» from November 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2019, on the occasion of **World Cord Blood Day on November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The programme is as follows:

**«Stem Cells' Awareness Week »**

**November 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC), Haematology Department of the University Hospital of  
Heraklion

School of Medicine, University of Crete

Regional Directorate of Secondary Education of Heraklion

*With the support*

Region of Crete, 7<sup>th</sup> Health Prefecture, National Transplants Organisation

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## Programme & Activities

### Activities November 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (9.00 am – 12.00 pm), School of Medicine

Secondary School visits at the School of Medicine, University of Crete (UoC), for interactive lectures with the scientists of the Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC)

Visit to the Public CBBC and the Haemopoiesis Research Lab (Department of Haematology) School of Medicine, University of Crete

Traineeship during June/July 2020 for five (5) secondary school students at the Public CBBC and the Haemopoiesis Research Lab (Department of Haematology) School of Medicine, University of Crete

### Event: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm), Cultural Conference Center of Heraklion Crete

7.00 -7.20 pm

#### Welcoming Notes

**Representative** of the Region of Crete, **Representative** 7<sup>th</sup> Health Prefecture of Crete,  
**H. Papadaki**, Head of the Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC), Representative of the National Transplant Organization (NTO)

**Skalidi**, Deputy-Mayor for Social Affairs, Supervision of Social Structures and Immigration of Heraklion Municipality

#### Session 1

‘Knowledge on use and usefulness of umbilical cord blood’ Stem cells: Miracle cells to treat human diseases’

7.20-7.40 pm: Why donate my child's umbilical cord blood to a Public Bank

Irene Mavroudi

Quality Management Supervisor, Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete

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7.40-8.00pm: The process: from umbilical cord blood donation to the patient

Vassia Gkioka

Specialist in Cell and Tissue Quality procedures for clinical use, external Partner of the Public CBBC

## Session 2

‘The work of the Public Umbilical Stem Cell Bank of Crete’

8.00-8.20pm: The contribution of the Public Umbilical Stem Cell Bank of Crete to Health and Research

Helen Papadaki

Professor of Haematology, School of Medicine, University of Crete, Head of Haematology Department of the University Hospital of Heraklion and Head of the Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC)

8.20-8.40pm: Activities of the Public Cord Blood Bank of Crete (CBBC) – Presentation of the latest project on the ‘Immunogenetic (HLA) mapping of the population of Crete’

Anastasios Germenis

Professor of Laboratory Immunology and Histocompatibility, Larissa University Hospital

8.40- 9.00pm: The contribution of the Public Cord Blood Bank Crete in Education

Aggeliki Zacharatou

Head of the Office of the Directorate of Secondary Education of Heraklion

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*Art exhibition by the Medical Students of the University of Crete  
in the foyer of Cultural Conference Center*

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