



Phoenix Children's®
Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Endowed Chair, Section Chief, Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cell Therapy

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders (CCBD) at Phoenix Children's is seeking a pediatric hematologist/oncologist to serve as section chief of Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cell Therapy in Phoenix, Arizona. The section chief will also hold the Buzz and Janice Ghiz Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy.

We are looking for an experienced, transformational physician-scientist to lead and further grow one of the largest pediatric bone marrow/stem cell transplant (BMT) and cell therapy programs in the Southwest. The incoming chief will leverage extraordinary clinical and research opportunities in collaboration with our two academic and clinical partners, the University of Arizona College of Medicine and Mayo Clinic Arizona.

Opportunity:

The pediatric BMT/cell therapy program at Phoenix Children's is one of the largest pediatric programs in the Southwestern US. We perform approximately 45-50 transplants annually, including autologous, related and unrelated allogeneic donor transplants. In addition, the program administers more than minimally manipulated cell therapies, including haploidentical stem cell transplants and CAR-T cell treatments. The program is jointly FACT accredited with the adult BMT program at Mayo Clinic Arizona and currently has five accredited pediatric BMT providers. Together with the adult providers at Mayo Clinic Arizona, our combined program has a total of 14 bone marrow transplant physicians taking care of one of the most vulnerable patient populations in hematology and oncology, and has been rated +1 (outperforming outcomes and survival) by CIBMTR for the last four consecutive years.

The pediatric BMT/cell therapy program is a COG-approved transplant site, and actively participates in cooperative group trials through the PTCTC, the PIDTC and the Sickle Cell consortium, and offers several institutional investigator-initiated clinical trials.

This position is an opportunity to lead one of the largest BMT and Cell Therapy programs in the Southwestern US. In addition, the section chief will have a unique opportunity to colead a state-of-the-art GMP-compliant cellular therapy facility that is under development, and pursue novel, innovative point-of-care cellular therapies.

Position Summary:

The successful candidate must have several years of experience in the clinical care of pediatric stem cell transplant patients, prior experience with academic leadership, and preferably an active bench-to-bedside research program with a track record of obtaining external funding. Through the academic partnership with the University of Arizona-College of Medicine Phoenix, researchers have access to state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and the wider Phoenix Biomedical Campus (including Arizona State University and TGen). The incoming chief will be a member of the Department of Child Health at the University of Arizona-College of





Medicine Phoenix as well as Mayo Clinic Arizona, at the academic rank of Associate Professor or Professor. Responsibilities include oversight for the Clinical and Quality programs in BMT and Cell Therapy at CCBD, participation in collaborative efforts with the adult BMT program at Mayo Clinic, shared inpatient and night call responsibilities on the BMT service, and development of a translational and/or laboratory research program in a field relevant to stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy. Teaching responsibilities may include medical students from the University of Arizona, Mayo Medical School, Creighton University School of Medicine-Phoenix, as well as Phoenix Children's residents and Hem/Onc fellows. Qualified candidates should have a strong interest in mentoring and program development, be academically productive, and must be board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, subspecialty Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, with additional significant experience and national recognition as a leader in stem cell transplantation and cellular therapies.

About Our Program:

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Phoenix Children's sees on average over 370 new oncology patients per year and has additional active clinical and laboratory research programs in oncology, neuro-oncology, survivorship, hemophilia, and phase I/phase II investigational drug development.

Our ACGME-approved fellowship program in pediatric hematology/oncology is approved for 3 fellows/year and has affiliations with the Mayo Clinic, the Arizona Cancer Center, and the University of Arizona. The BMT program offers a one-year subspecialty fellowship in bone marrow transplantation/cellular therapy.

How to Initiate an Application:

Candidates are kindly asked to submit a CV and cover letter to both recipients below. Letters of reference may be requested.

About Phoenix Children's

Phoenix Children's, the only freestanding Children's Hospital in Arizona, houses a designated wing with 16 HEPA-filtered, positive pressure rooms for particularly immunodeficient patients.

Phoenix Children's is a comprehensive tertiary and quaternary care center that also serves as a primary pediatric teaching facility for University of Arizona and the Mayo Clinic Arizona medical students and has residency programs in Pediatrics and Medicine/Pediatrics.

Phoenix Children's is an equal opportunity employer offering competitive salary and benefits in a setting supportive of individual and professional growth. Academic appointments are through Mayo Clinic Arizona and the University of Arizona-College of Medicine, Phoenix.

Community Information:

The Greater Phoenix Area is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the United States, with the desirable combination of a strong economy, low cost of living, and high quality of life. Phoenix has the most land dedicated to parks and preserves of any other major city in the nation. Due to its natural environment and climate, outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy walking, running, hiking, biking, golfing, or other outdoor activities year-round. In addition, Phoenix offers outstanding theater, museum, shopping, dining, and top-ranked public and private and charter schooling options.

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