

Medical Policies and Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines

Attached is a list of the *Clinical UM Guidelines* and/or *Medical Policies* the health plan has adopted.

The full list of *Medical Policies* and *Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines* are publicly available on the [Amerigroup Medical Policy and Clinical UM Guideline subsidiary website](#). Their purpose is to help you provide quality care by reducing inappropriate use of medical resources.

InterQual® Criteria or MCG® care guidelines are used only for:

- Medical necessity review for medical inpatient concurrent review.
- Inpatient site of service appropriateness.
- Home health and outpatient rehabilitation.

Medicaid state contracts, regulatory guidance and CMS requirements supersede InterQual Criteria, MCG care guidelines and our *Medical Policy* criteria.

Note: We make determinations of medical necessity on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the definition of medical necessity. Please see *Medical Necessity Criteria Policy ADMIN.0004* for the definition.

If the request doesn't meet established criteria guidelines, it will be referred to the licensed physician reviewer with the appropriate clinical expertise.

Clinical Utilization Management Guidelines

The *Clinical Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines* below were adopted by the medical operations committee for the Government Business Division effective September 13, 2018. Highlighted sections indicate a new guideline. For markets with carved-out pharmacy services, the applicable listings below are informational only. Note, not all of the services and codes referenced within these guidelines are reimbursed under Medicaid. Please refer to Medicaid guidelines for coverage and reimbursement information.

To view a full list of guidelines, visit <https://medicalpolicies.amerigroup.com/search>.

<i>Clinical UM Guideline #</i>	<i>Clinical UM Guideline title</i>
CG-ADMIN-01	<i>Clinical UM Guideline</i> for Prepayment Review Medical Necessity Determinations When No Other <i>Clinical UM Guideline</i> Exists
CG-ADMIN-02	Clinically Equivalent Cost Effective Services — Targeted Immune Modulators
CG-ANC-03	Acupuncture
CG-ANC-04	Ambulance Services: Air and Water
CG-ANC-05	Ambulance Services: Ground; Emergent
CG-ANC-06	Ambulance Services: Ground; Nonemergent
CG-BEH-01	Assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome
CG-BEH-02	Adaptive Behavioral Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder
CG-BEH-14	Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Services
CG-BEH-15	Activity Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome
CG-DME-03	Neuromuscular Stimulation in the Treatment of Muscle Atrophy
CG-DME-04	Electrical Nerve Stimulation, Transcutaneous, Percutaneous
CG-DME-05	Cervical Traction Devices for Home Use
CG-DME-06	Pneumatic Compression Devices for Lymphedema
CG-DME-07	Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices/Speech-Generating Devices
CG-DME-08	Infant Home Apnea Monitors
CG-DME-09	Continuous Local Delivery of Analgesia to Operative Sites using an Elastomeric Infusion Pump During the Postoperative Period
CG-DME-10	Durable Medical Equipment
CG-DME-12	Home Phototherapy Devices for Neonatal Hyperbilirubinemia
CG-DME-13	Lower Limb Prosthesis
CG-DME-15	Hospital Beds and Accessories
CG-DME-16	Pressure Reducing Support Systems Groups 1, 2 and 3
CG-DME-18	Home Oxygen Therapy
CG-DME-19	Therapeutic Shoes, Inserts or Modifications for Individuals with Diabetes
CG-DME-20	Orthopedic Footwear
CG-DME-21	External Infusion Pumps for the Administration of Drugs in the Home or Residential Care Settings
CG-DME-22	Ankle-Foot and Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthotics (Braces)
CG-DME-23	Lifting Devices for Use in the Home

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CG-DME-24	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Manual Wheelchairs — Standard, Heavy Duty and Lightweight
CG-DME-25	Seat Lift Mechanisms
CG-DME-26	Back-Up Ventilators in the Home Setting
CG-DME-30	Prothrombin Time Self-Monitoring Devices
CG-DME-31	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Wheelchairs — Powered, Motorized, With or Without Power Seating Systems and Power Operated Vehicles
CG-DME-33	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Manual Wheelchairs — Ultra Lightweight
CG-DME-34	Wheeled Mobility Devices: Wheelchair Accessories
CG-DME-35	Breastfeeding Pumps
CG-DME-36	Pediatric Gait Trainers
CG-DME-37	Air Conduction Hearing Aids
CG-DME-39	Dynamic Low-Load Prolonged-Duration Stretch
CG-DME-40	Electrical Bone Growth Stimulation
CG-DME-41	Ultraviolet Light Therapy Delivery Devices for Home Use
CG-DME-42	Nonimplantable Insulin Infusion and Blood Glucose Monitoring Devices
CG-DME-43	High Frequency Chest Compression Devices for Airway Clearance
CG-DME-44	Electric Tumor Treatment Field (TTF)
CG-DME-45	Ultrasound Bone Growth Stimulation
CG-DME-46	Pneumatic Compression Devices for Prevention of Deep Vein Thrombosis of the Lower Limbs
CG-DRUG-01	Off-Label Drug and Approved Orphan Drug Use
CG-DRUG-03	Beta Interferons and Glatiramer Acetate for Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis
CG-DRUG-04	Use of Low Molecular Weight Heparin Therapy, Fondaparinux (Arixtra®) and Direct Thrombin Inhibitors in the Outpatient Setting
CG-DRUG-05	Recombinant Erythropoietin Products
CG-DRUG-08	Enzyme Replacement Therapy for Gaucher Disease
CG-DRUG-09	Immune Globulin Therapy
CG-DRUG-11	Infertility Drugs
CG-DRUG-14	Dihydroergotamine Mesylate (DHE) Injection for the Treatment of Migraine or Cluster Headaches in Adults
CG-DRUG-15	Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Analogs
CG-DRUG-16	White Blood Cell Growth Factors
CG-DRUG-18	Nesiritide (Natrecro®)
CG-DRUG-19	Progesterone Therapy as a Technique to Prevent Preterm Delivery in High-Risk Women
CG-DRUG-20	Enfuviritide (Fuzeon)
CG-DRUG-21	Naltrexone (Vivitrol®) Injections for the Treatment of Alcohol and Opioid Dependence
CG-DRUG-24	Repository Corticotropin Injection (H.P. Acthar® Gel)
CG-DRUG-25	Intravenous versus Oral Drug Administration in the Outpatient and Home Setting
CG-DRUG-27	Clostridial Collagenase Histolyticum Injection
CG-DRUG-28	Alglucosidase alfa (Lumizyme®, Myozyme®)
CG-DRUG-29	Hyaluronan Injections
CG-DRUG-31	Oncology Drug Treatment Regimens for Adults Note: At this time, this guideline is not implemented for medical benefit determinations.
CG-DRUG-33	Palonosetron (Aloxi®)

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CG-DRUG-34	Docetaxel (Docefrez™, Taxotere®)
CG-DRUG-38	Pemetrexed Disodium (Alimta®)
CG-DRUG-40	Bortezomib (Velcade®)
CG-DRUG-41	Zoledronic acid
CG-DRUG-42	Asparagine Specific Enzymes (Asparaginase)
CG-DRUG-43	Natalizumab (Tysabri®)
CG-DRUG-44	Pegloticase (Krystexxa®)
CG-DRUG-45	Octreotide acetate (Sandostatin®; Sandostatin® LAR Depot)
CG-DRUG-46	Fosaprepitant (Emend®)
CG-DRUG-47	Level of Care: Specialty Pharmaceuticals
CG-DRUG-48	Azacitidine (Vidaza®)
CG-DRUG-49	Doxorubicin Hydrochloride Liposome Injection
CG-DRUG-50	Paclitaxel, protein-bound (Abraxane®)
CG-DRUG-51	Romidepsin (Istodax®)
CG-DRUG-52	Temsirolimus (Torisel®)
CG-DRUG-53	Drug Dosage, Frequency and Route of Administration
CG-DRUG-54	Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme®)
CG-DRUG-55	Elosulfase alfa (Vimizim®)
CG-DRUG-56	Galsulfase (Naglazyme®)
CG-DRUG-57	Idurasufase (Elaprase®)
CG-DRUG-58	Laronidase (Aldurazyme®)
CG-DRUG-59	Testosterone, Injectable
CG-DRUG-60	Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Analogs for the Treatment of Oncologic Indications
CG-DRUG-61	Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Analogs for the Treatment of Nononcologic Indications
CG-DRUG-62	Fulvestrant (FASLODEX®)
CG-DRUG-63	Levoleucovorin Calcium (Fusilev®)
CG-DRUG-64	FDA-Approved Biosimilar Products
CG-DRUG-65	Tumor Necrosis Factor Antagonists
CG-DRUG-66	Panitumumab (Vectibix®)
CG-DRUG-67	Cetuximab (Erbix®)
CG-DRUG-68	Bevacizumab (Avastin®) for Non-Ophthalmologic Indications
CG-DRUG-69	Ustekinumab (Stelera®)
CG-DRUG-70	Eribulin mesylate (Halaven®)
CG-DRUG-71	Ziv-aflibercept (Zaltrap®)
CG-DRUG-72	Pertuzumab (Perjeta®)
CG-DRUG-73	Denosumab (Prolia®, Xgeva®)
CG-DRUG-74	Canakinumab (Ilaris®)
CG-DRUG-75	Romiplostim (Nplate®)
CG-DRUG-76	Plerixafor Injection (Mozobil™)
CG-DRUG-77	Radium Ra 223 Dichloride (Xofigo®)
CG-DRUG-78	Antihemophilic Factors and Clotting Factors
CG-DRUG-79	Siltuximab (Sylvant®)
CG-DRUG-80	Cabazitaxel (Jevtana®)
CG-DRUG-81	Tocilizumab (Actemra®)
CG-DRUG-82	Prostacyclin Infusion Therapy and Inhalation Therapy for Treatment of Pulmonary

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	Arterial Hypertension
CG-DRUG-83	Growth Hormone
CG-DRUG-84	Belimumab (Benlysta®)
CG-DRUG-85	Tesamorelin (Egriftra®)
CG-DRUG-86	Ocriplasmin (Jetrea®) Intravitreal Injection Treatment
CG-DRUG-87	Vedolizumab (Entyvio®)
CG-DRUG-88	Dupilumab (Dupixent®)
CG-DRUG-89	Implantable and Extended-Release Buprenorphine-Containing Products
CG-DRUG-90	Intravitreal Treatment for Retinal Vascular Conditions
CG-DRUG-91	Intravitreal Corticosteroid Implants
CG-DRUG-92	Alpha-1 Proteinase Inhibitor Therapy
CG-DRUG-93	Sarilumab (Kevzara®)
CG-DRUG-94	Rituximab (Rituxan®) for Non-Oncologic Indications
CG-DRUG-95	Belatacept (Nulojix®)
CG-DRUG-96	Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (Kadcyla®)
CG-DRUG-97	Rilonacept (Arcalyst®)
CG-DRUG-98	Bendamustine Hydrochloride
CG-DRUG-99	Elotuzumab (Empliciti™)
CG-DRUG-100	Interferon gamma-1b (Actimmune®)
CG-DRUG-101	Ixabepilone (Ixempra®)
CG-DRUG-102	Olaratumab (Lartruvo™)
CG-DRUG-103	Botulinum Toxin
CG-DRUG-104	Omalizumab (Xolair®)
CG-DRUG-105	Abatacept (Orencia®)
CG-DRUG-106	Brentuximab Vedotin (Adcetris®)
CG-DRUG-107	Pharmacotherapy for Hereditary Angioedema
CG-DRUG-108	Enteral Carbidopa and Levodopa Intestinal Gel Suspension
CG-DRUG-109	Asfotase Alfa (Strensiq™)
CG-DRUG-110	Naltrexone Implantable Pellets
CG-DRUG-111	Sebelipase alfa (KANUMA™)
CG-DRUG-112	Abaloparatide (Tymlos™) Injection
CG-GENE-01	Janus Kinase 2 (JAK2)V617F Gene Mutation Assay
CG-GENE-02	Analysis of KRAS Status
CG-GENE-03	BRAF Mutation Analysis
CG-GENE-04	Molecular Marker Evaluation of Thyroid Nodules
CG-LAB-03	Tropism Testing for HIV Management
CG-LAB-09	Drug Testing or Screening in the Context of Substance Use Disorder and Chronic Pain
CG-LAB-10	Zika Virus Testing
CG-LAB-11	Screening for Vitamin D Deficiency in Average Risk Individuals
CG-LAB-12	Testing for Oral and Esophageal Cancer
CG-LAB-13	Skin Nerve Fiber Density Testing
CG-MED-02	Esophageal pH Monitoring
CG-MED-05	Ketogenic Diet for Treatment of Intractable Seizures
CG-MED-08	Home Enteral Nutrition
CG-MED-19	Custodial Care
CG-MED-21	Anesthesia Services and Moderate ("Conscious") Sedation

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CG-MED-23	Home Health
CG-MED-24	Electromyography and Nerve Conduction Studies
CG-MED-26	Neonatal Levels of Care
CG-MED-28	Iontophoresis for Medical Indications
CG-MED-32	Ancillary Services for Pregnancy Complications
CG-MED-34	Monitored Anesthesia Care for Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Procedures
CG-MED-35	Retinal Telescreening Systems
CG-MED-37	Intensive Programs for Pediatric Feeding Disorders
CG-MED-38	Inpatient admission for Radiation Therapy for Cervical or Thyroid Cancer
CG-MED-39	Central (Hip or Spine) Bone Density Measurement and Screening for Vertebral Fractures Using Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry
CG-MED-40	External Ambulatory Event Monitors to Detect Cardiac Arrhythmias
CG-MED-41	Moderate to Deep Anesthesia Services for Dental Surgery in the Facility Setting
CG-MED-42	Maternity Ultrasound in the Outpatient Setting
CG-MED-44	Holter Monitors
CG-MED-45	Transrectal Ultrasonography
CG-MED-46	Ambulatory and Inpatient Video Electroencephalography
CG-MED-47	Fundus Photography
CG-MED-48	Scrotal Ultrasound
CG-MED-49	Auditory Brainstem Responses and Evoked Otoacoustic Emissions for Hearing Disorders
CG-MED-50	Visual, Somatosensory and Motor Evoked Potentials
CG-MED-51	Three-Dimensional Rendering of Imaging Studies
CG-MED-52	Allergy Immunotherapy (Subcutaneous)
CG-MED-53	Cervical Cancer Screening Using Cytology and Human Papillomavirus Testing
CG-MED-54	Strapping
CG-MED-55	Level of Care: Advanced Radiologic Imaging
CG-MED-56	Non-Obstetrical Transvaginal Ultrasonography
CG-MED-57	Cardiac Stress Testing with Electrocardiogram
CG-MED-58	Coronary Artery Imaging: Contrast-Enhanced CT Angiography, Fractional Flow Reserve derived from CT, Coronary MRA and Cardiac MRI
CG-MED-59	Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
CG-MED-61	Preoperative Testing for Low Risk Invasive Procedures and Surgeries
CG-MED-62	Resting Electrocardiogram Screening in Adults
CG-MED-63	Treatment of Hyperhidrosis
CG-MED-64	Transcatheter Ablation of Arrhythmogenic Foci in the Pulmonary Veins as a Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation or Atrial Flutter (Radiofrequency and Cryoablation)
CG-MED-65	Manipulation Under Anesthesia of the Spine and Joints other than the Knee
CG-MED-66	Cryopreservation of Oocytes or Ovarian Tissue
CG-MED-67	Melanoma Vaccines
CG-MED-68	Therapeutic Apheresis
CG-MED-69	Inhaled Nitric Oxide
CG-MED-70	Wireless Capsule Endoscopy for Gastrointestinal Imagine and the Patency Capsule
CG-MED-71	Wound Care in the Home Setting
CG-MED-72	Hyperthermia for Cancer Therapy
CG-MED-73	Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (Systemic/Topical)
CG-MED-74	Implantable Ambulatory Event Monitors and Mobile Cardiac Telemetry

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CG-MED-75	Medical and Other Non-Behavioral Health Related Treatments for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Rett Syndrome
CG-MED-76	Magnetic Source Imaging and Magnetoencephalography
CG-MED-77	SPECT/CT Fusion Imaging
CG-OR-PR-02	Prefabricated and Prophylactic Knee Braces
CG-OR-PR-03	Custom-made Knee Braces
CG-OR-PR-04	Cranial Remodeling Bands and Helmets (Cranial Orthotics)
CG-OR-PR-05	Myoelectric Upper Extremity Prosthesis Devices
CG-OR-PR-06	Spinal Orthoses: Thoracic-Lumber-Sacral (TLSO), Lumbar-Sacral (LSO) and Lumber
CG-REHAB-02	Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation
CG-REHAB-03	Pulmonary Rehabilitation
CG-REHAB-04	Physical Therapy
CG-REHAB-05	Occupational Therapy
CG-REHAB-06	Speech-Language Pathology Services
CG-REHAB-07	Skilled Nursing and Skilled Rehabilitation Services (Outpatient)
CG-REHAB-08	Private Duty Nursing in the Home Setting
CG-REHAB-09	Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation
CG-REHAB-10	Level of Care: Outpatient Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and
CG-REHAB-11	Cognitive Rehabilitation
CG-SURG-01	Colonoscopy
CG-SURG-03	Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis Repair and Brow Lift
CG-SURG-05	Maze Procedure
CG-SURG-07	Vertical Expandable Prosthetic Titanium Rib
CG-SURG-08	Sacral Nerve Stimulation as a Treatment of Neurogenic Bladder Secondary to Spinal Cord Injury
CG-SURG-09	Temporomandibular Disorders
CG-SURG-10	Ambulatory or Outpatient Surgery Center Procedures
CG-SURG-11	Surgical Treatment for Dupuytren's Contracture
CG-SURG-12	Penile Prosthesis Implantation
CG-SURG-15	Endometrial Ablation
CG-SURG-17	Trigger Point Injections
CG-SURG-18	Septoplasty
CG-SURG-24	Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery
CG-SURG-25	Injection Treatment for Morton's Neuroma
CG-SURG-27	Sex Reassignment Surgery
CG-SURG-28	Transcatheter Uterine Artery Embolization
CG-SURG-29	Lumbar Discography
CG-SURG-30	Tonsillectomy with or without Adenoidectomy for Children
CG-SURG-31	Treatment of Keloids and Scar Revision
CG-SURG-32	Pain Management: Cervical, Thoracic and Lumbar Facet Injections
CG-SURG-33	Lumbar Fusion and Lumbar Total Disc Arthroplasty
CG-SURG-34	Diagnostic Infertility Surgery
CG-SURG-35	Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)
CG-SURG-36	Adenoidectomy
CG-SURG-37	Destruction of Pre-Malignant Skin Lesions
CG-SURG-38	Lumbar Laminectomy, Hemi-laminectomy, Laminectomy and/or Discectomy

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CG-SURG-39	Pain Management: Epidural Steroid Injections
CG-SURG-40	Cataract Removal Surgery for Adults
CG-SURG-41	Surgical Strabismus Correction
CG-SURG-42	Cervical Fusion
CG-SURG-43	Knee Arthroscopy
CG-SURG-44	Coronary Angiography in the Outpatient Setting
CG-SURG-45	Bone Graft Substitutes
CG-SURG-46	Myringotomy and Tympanostomy Tube Insertion
CG-SURG-47	Surgical Interventions for Scoliosis and Spinal Deformity
CG-SURG-48	Elective Percutaneous Coronary Interventions
CG-SURG-49	Endovascular Techniques (Percutaneous or Open Exposure) for Arterial Revascularization of the Lower Extremities
CG-SURG-50	Assistant Surgeons
CG-SURG-51	Outpatient Cystourethroscopy
CG-SURG-52	Level of Care: Hospital-Based Ambulatory Surgical Procedures, including Endoscopic Procedures
CG-SURG-53	Elective Total Hip Arthroplasty
CG-SURG-54	Elective Total Knee Arthroplasty
CG-SURG-55	Intracardiac Electrophysiological Studies and Catheter Ablation
CG-SURG-56	Diagnostic Fiberoptic Flexible Laryngoscopy
CG-SURG-57	Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy
CG-SURG-58	Radioactive Seed Localization of Nonpalpable Breast Lesions
CG-SURG-59	Vena Cava Filters
CG-SURG-60	Cervical Total Disc Arthroplasty
CG-SURG-61	Cryosurgical Ablation of Solid Tumors Outside the Liver
CG-SURG-62	Radiofrequency Ablation to Treat Tumors Outside the Liver
CG-SURG-63	Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) with or without an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (CRT/ICD) for the Treatment of Heart Failure
CG-SURG-65	Recombinant Human Bone Morphogenetic Protein
CG-SURG-66	Implanted (Epidural and Subcutaneous) Spinal Cord Stimulators (SCS)
CG-SURG-67	Treatment of Osteochondral Defects
CG-SURG-68	Surgical Treatment of Femoroacetabular Impingement Syndrome
CG-SURG-69	Meniscal Allograft Transplantation of the Knee
CG-SURG-70	Gastric Electrical Stimulation
CG-SURG-71	Reduction Mammoplasty
CG-SURG-72	Endothelial Keratoplasty
CG-SURG-73	Balloon Sinus Ostial Dilation
CG-SURG-74	Total Ankle Replacement
CG-SURG-75	Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgical (TEM) Excision of Rectal Lesions
CG-SURG-76	Carotid, Vertebral and Intracranial Artery Stent Placement with or without Angioplasty
CG-SURG-77	Refractive Surgery
CG-SURG-78	Locally Ablative Techniques for Treating Primary and Metastatic Liver Malignancies
CG-SURG-79	Implantable Infusion Pumps
CG-SURG-80	Transcatheter Arterial Chemoembolization (TACE) and Transcatheter Arterial Embolization (TAE) for Treating Primary or Metastatic Liver Tumors
CG-SURG-81	Cochlear Implants and Auditory Brainstem Implants

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CG-SURG-82	Bone-Anchored and Bone Conduction Hearing Aids
CG-SURG-83	Bariatric Surgery and Other Treatments for Clinically Severe Obesity
CG-SURG-84	Mandibular/Maxillary (Orthognathic) Surgery
CG-SURG-85	Hip Resurfacing
CG-SURG-86	Endovascular/Endoluminal Repair of Aortic Aneurysms, Aortoiliac Disease, Aortic Dissection and Aortic Transection
CG-SURG-87	Nasal Surgery for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Snoring
CG-SURG-88	Mastectomy for Gynecomastia
CG-SURG-89	Radiofrequency Neurolysis and Pulsed Radiofrequency Therapy for Trigeminal Neuralgia
CG-SURG-90	Mohs Micrographic Surgery
CG-THER-RAD-03	Radioimmunotherapy and Somatostatin Receptor Targeted Radiotherapy
CG-THER-RAD-04	Selective Internal Radiation Therapy of Primary or Metastatic Liver Tumors
CG-THER-RAD-07	Intravascular Brachytherapy (Coronary and Non-Coronary)
CG-TRANS-02	Kidney Transplantation
CG-TRANS-03	Donor Lymphocyte Infusion for Hematologic Malignancies after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplantation