

There is no organized, international, disease-specific mechanism operating on clearly stated, evidence-based criteria to account for quality, continuous measurement and improved performance in treating centres for haemoglobin disorders internationally.

As a result, there are vast inequalities in the care that patients with haemoglobinopathies receive across affected countries. Centres of Reference for Haemoglobinopathies are mainly located in Western, developed economies and there are no unified networks for the exchange of knowledge and expertise in order to achieve standardization of care globally.

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TIF Collaborating Centres for Haemoglobinopathies

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME



Improving quality of care
for haemoglobin disorders
worldwide:

A longterm commitment of TIF





THE PROGRAMME

In 2017, TIF launched a Certification Programme aimed at internationally-dispersed treating centres for haemoglobinopathies in an effort to:

- promote standardization of operations and processes across treating centres for haemoglobinopathies worldwide
- enhance each centre's accountability for the service they provide to patients, and
- ensure optimum performance levels in the care of haemoglobinopathies globally



SERVICES

- On-site audit of the centre's performance by external reviewers with regards to the quality of the processes, outcomes and structures involved in the care it provides to haemoglobinopathy patients.
- Technical support and recommendations for improvement to reach desired outcomes.
- Networking opportunities with other regional and international centres for the exchange of knowledge and expertise.
- Successful centres are granted the Certificate of TIF Collaborating Reference Centre for Haemoglobinopathies, and provided with needs-based technical support and personalized recommendations for continuous improvement in order to reach the desired outcomes.
- The Certificate is **valid for a period of 2 years** before the evaluation team is called back to the centre to ensure that quality of care is maintained.



TIF'S STANDARDS OF CARE

TIF's Standards of Quality Care for Haemoglobinopathies have been developed on the premises of:

- International standards for ambulatory care – JCI 2015
- General Standards – European Committee of Experts on Rare Disorders– EUCERD
- Disease-specific evidence-based guidelines



GOALS

- Provide authoritative scientific opinions and advice on key topics in clinical management in order to achieve continuous improvement within the healthcare delivery system for haemoglobinopathies worldwide
- Establish an international network of reference centres for the delivery of Quality Healthcare Services for haemoglobinopathies worldwide
- Facilitate all patients' access to expert management and contribute to the reduction of inequalities in the care that patients receive.



WHO CAN APPLY

At present, TIF Certification Programme is offered on a voluntary basis to:

- Treating Centres for haemoglobinopathies across the world, whether they are hospital attached or stand-alone, through their administrative hierarchy.
- Ministries of Health, which may apply directly to TIF for the certification of one or more centres in their country since they are responsible to support any quality improvement measures.



WHY APPLY

- Be placed on the international map of TIF collaborating centres and enjoy international recognition
- TIF will collaborate with the centres on different projects, including research, and will direct patients to each of these centres to receive treatment
- Contribute, through joined activities with TIF, to improving thalassaemia care worldwide
- Receive feedback* on the clinical and managerial aspects of thalassaemia care used in each candidate collaborating centre in order to improve/ enhance performance
- Take part in networking programmes, aiming to support peripheral or secondary centres.
- Benefit from networking opportunities with other regional and international treating centres, staff training and tele-consultation to enable stakeholders promote quality services from central level (government).

**Become a 'TIF' Collaborating
Reference Centre for
Haemoglobinopathies and
network for the improvement of
care worldwide.**

Apply for Certification at
<http://thalassaemia.org.cy/tif-certification-programme/>

The on-site evaluation process and technical support are offered by TIF free of charge. However, applicants are required to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the evaluation team.