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1. The assumption that parents never refuse to donate is not a reason to use them as means to an end. (this thesis)

2. Not the size of the global donor inventory but the diversity and availability of donors are keys to success of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. (this thesis)

3. Banking of high quality cord blood units is probably the best option to compensate for the lack of minority donors in the global inventory. (this thesis)

4. A global registry for any donor’s serious events and adverse reactions is the only way to prove safety of stem cell donation. (this thesis)

5. Unrelated donor search is like top sport: the faster, the better. (this thesis)

6. Despite the fact that some humans can be legitimately sold such as soccer players, we disapprove of remuneration for the donation of tissues or organs.

7. Donor autonomy, in addition to donor safety, should be paramount. (Belinda R. Avalos, Biol Blood Marrow Transplant, 2011;17:1739-1746)

8. Donor altruism as motivation to donate must not be confused with ‘carte blanche’.

9. A donor registry is a means not a goal.

10. When you come away from quilting you are not in the same mood (Maggie, in Burt & Atkinson, Journal of Public Health Advance Access, 2011;1-6)