

DIRECTED DONATION INFORMATION

Community Blood Center will allow directed donations on a non-emergency basis if the prescribing physician, the patient and the donor(s) assume the responsibilities described and meet the criteria required by the blood center.

Allow five working days between donation and intended transfusion, Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Allow six days for units being shipped out of service area.

A. PHYSICIAN:

1. Forward the completed NURS Form #83, Physician's Order to Community Blood Center. This form may be obtained at Community Blood Center or any area hospital blood bank.
2. Confirmation of the patient's ABO/Rh is required prior to drawing donors.
3. Instruct patient or patient designee to call Community Blood Center, Special Donations, for further information about directed donation process.

B. PATIENT:

1. Contact Community Blood Center, Special Donations, 461-3450 or 1-800-388-4483 for information.
2. Read and complete all information requested on NURS Form #84, Patient Request, Consent and Release For Directed Blood Donations, and sign the form. If patient is minor, parent or guardian must sign and forward form to Community Blood Center. Parent or guardian must identify their relationship to the patient.
3. Confirm or have ABO/Rh typing done.
4. Provide Special Donations with donor(s) full name, date of birth and relationship of donor to patient. This information may be listed on NURS Form #88, Donor Information Record.

It is recommended that you schedule one more donor than the number of units required.

5. Have donor call Special Donations for appointment.
 - a. Allow five working days after the donation, to be processed and available for transfusion, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Allow six days for units being shipped out of service area.
6. If for any reason a donor is found to be ineligible to donate or the unit is unsuitable for transfusion, only the ordering physician and the donor will be notified. Medical confidentiality protects this information.
7. Occasionally blood collected and prepared for transfusion may not be available due to breakage, contamination or other unforeseen problems. You will be notified if this occurs

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8. Women of child-bearing age should not be recipients of blood donated by: their children, husband, or husband's blood relatives as this could adversely affect future pregnancies should red cell antibodies form.
9. Patients contemplating a bone marrow transplant should not receive donations from family members.
10. Directed units that are not used by the intended recipient are not crossed over to the volunteer system.
11. Directed donations require special handling and there are specific fees charged to you to cover the cost of this special handling. These fees will be discussed with you when you contact Community Blood Center, Special Donations.

C. DONORS:

1. Schedule an appointment with Special Donations at 461-3450 or 1-800-388-4483. No collection will be undertaken without a pre-scheduled appointment. Appointments will be scheduled by Special Donations, according to availability, anticipated transfusion date, and the type(s) of products needed. You must donate at least five days prior to anticipated day of transfusion, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Allow six days if being shipped out of service area.
2. Meet all donor eligibility requirements applicable to all volunteer blood donors.
3. Bring an ID that contains your social security number. You must have this ID to donate.
4. Bring confirmation of your blood type. If you have donated previously with CBC, your blood type will be on record. ABO/Rh typing must be performed prior to donation if no confirmation is available.