

CORD BLOOD BANK OF ARKANSAS (CBBA)

Public Donation Information

Donating your child's cord blood is truly a potentially *Life Saving* endeavor. To ensure the success of the donation, please read this information carefully. If you have any questions, please call our toll free number (855) 854-2222 (CBBA). For additional information about the cord blood donation program or if you wish to proceed with donating your child's cord blood, visit our website: www.cordbloodbankarkansas.org. Registration forms are available on the web or you may complete the attached forms and forward to the address listed at the bottom of this page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU PROCEED

- **You must be 18 years of age or older in order to donate your baby's cord blood.**
- **Due to circumstances outside of CBBA control we are unable to accept cord blood units for public donation that were collected between Friday at 3:00 PM (CST) through Sunday at 3:00 PM (CST).**

Speak with your doctor or midwife about donating the cord blood for public use. Find out if the doctor is willing to perform this collection and if there will be any collection fees involved. CBBA does not charge collection fees, but some doctors may charge for this service. We suggest that you do not donate if you are going to be charged a fee. CBBA cannot reimburse you or your doctor/midwife for cord blood collection fees.

ABOUT THE ATTACHED FORMS:

The intent of the attached documents is to ensure the following:

1. You and your physician have a thorough understanding of the cord blood donation program.
2. The cord blood is collected properly and safely.
3. The quality of the cord blood product collected.

Please read all the documents thoroughly and complete all the requested documentation. **Blanks or omissions can result in the unit not meeting regulatory standards (FDA, AABB, NMDP) thereby preventing CBBA from making the unit available for a transplant recipient.** Use only **BLACK or BLUE** ink when completing the forms. It is important that you use only your **legal name*** consistently on each document. Below is a description of the attached forms:

- **Informed Consent for the Donation of Cord Blood for ; Cord Blood Registry and Research Consent, Form B.1-7**

This form explains the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) protocol. Cord Blood transplantation is being investigated/studied by the NMDP, as such, it is important that you "the donor" understand the details of this program and how information regarding your donation will be utilized in this investigation.

- **CBBA Donor Information and Health Questionnaire, Form B.1-1**

Donor Information: The donor information section provides demographic data for yourself, the baby's father and your physician. In addition, it contains a "Baby's Ethnicity" section. This information is used to assist in the NMDP investigation and will not be used, in any manner, to prevent your unit from being placed on the registry. **IMPORTANT:** Your signature at the bottom of this page is **mandatory**. Remember to sign using only your legal name* as written at the top of the form.

Health Questionnaire: A thorough health history is an important part of ensuring the safety and quality of the cord blood. These questions may seem overwhelming, but they are a necessity. Any potential risk to a transplant recipient must be investigated. If you are unsure, contact a CBBA representative, they will assist you with any questions or concerns. Many of the items are not a reason for deferral, but do require further information or clarification before acceptability is assigned. **IMPORTANT:** If you consider yourself to be at risk as described in the donation information, **please do not donate**. The standards and regulations set forth for all blood banks prevent us from accepting or using any cord blood from an at risk donor.

- **Donor Informed Consent for Cord Blood Collection and Testing, Form B.1-6**

These are agreements between you, your physician and CBBA for the cord blood donation and information about HIV and HBV plus consent for HIV and other infectious disease testing. The **physician must sign** where indicated to allow CBBA to perform the required disease testing. Even if you have had previous prenatal testing done, we are required to test your blood for infectious diseases from a sample collected within 48 hours of your baby's birth. Tubes for the collection of your blood are included in the kit, and your blood will be drawn around the time of delivery by the hospital or birth center staff. **IMPORTANT:** *The results of your blood tests are confidential. You and your physician /midwife will be notified of any abnormal results via certified mail. It may be necessary to report certain positive test results to the Arkansas Department of Health.*

- **Physician/Midwife Training Material Request for CB Collection, Form B 4-1**

To ensure the cord blood is collected in a manner that results in the best possible product, CBBA requires the physician/midwife read and complete this form. CBBA offers training material options, at no cost, to the physician/midwife on request.

We thoroughly review all your documentation, on receipt. You will be contacted, by phone, to review the information and obtain any additional information, if needed. If accepted as a donor, we will issue you a cord blood collection kit, which includes collection instructions for your physician or nurse/midwife. (Collection kits will be shipped to the address you provided unless we are notified otherwise).

Regulations require confirmation of your health status within **48 hours of delivery**. Included in the kit will be a copy of your completed Health Questionnaire (B.1-1) and a Verification Form (B.1-4). Form B.1-4 must be completed the day of delivery prior to forwarding the cord blood unit to CBBA. Update any changes to your health status between the time you filled out your original forms and the time you deliver. Please keep it with the kit so that you can fill out the verification card at that time and send it back with the cord blood.

Bring the collection kit to your hospital or birthing center when you go into labor. Your doctor or hospital's delivery staff will collect the blood remaining in the umbilical cord and placenta after your baby is delivered. Your blood will also be drawn during labor or after delivery.

Notify CBBA **when in active labor and after the birth of your baby**, day or night. **It is your responsibility to ensure that we are notified within two hours after the collection of the cord blood. During normal business hours please call 1-855-854-2222, after hours or weekends call the On Call cell at 1-501-766-4611.** We will dispatch a courier to pick up the cord blood within the next business day.

*Full First Name, Middle Initial or Full Middle Name, Last Name

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