



## **Cord Blood Donations**

**Please contact your local American Red Cross chapter to see if they collect cord blood. <http://www.redcross.org>**

The following is provided by the American Red Cross:

### **General Information About Donating Cord Blood**

Thank you so much for your interest in the cord blood program; we wish you the very best with your new baby. This sheet provides very general information.

You should know that there are three broad categories of cord blood donation:

- The first might be termed “medically indicated” and refers to donations that are made when there is a specific and current need (such as leukemia -- the cord blood from this birth might be harvested for use with a sibling with leukemia).

Medically-Indicated Collections: Contact the sibling program at Children’s Hospital Oakland at 510-450-7605 or visit their website at:

[http://www.chori.org/services/sibling\\_Donor\\_cord\\_blood\\_program/indexord.html](http://www.chori.org/services/sibling_Donor_cord_blood_program/indexord.html)

- The second category of cord blood donation is called “private storage” and refers to cord blood that is harvested and stored in case there is a need some time in the future. There is typically a fee for collection and storage (sometimes annual maintenance fees). The jury is still out on how efficacious this is. If you are interested in private storage, there are a number of companies around; an Internet search on “cord blood” or “umbilical cord” will probably bring up a number of choices for comparison. Some private banks may also offer community storage under some circumstances. An Internet resource that may be of interest to parents looking at private storage is <http://www.parentsguidecordblood.com>.
- Finally, there is “community banking,” which is what the American Red Cross and a number of others are engaged in. Community banking means that the cord blood is

collected and stored in a bank. Transplant physicians can search the bank for a match for any patient in need. If you donate to a community bank and your family later has a need, it's possible that the cord blood would be available for you (assuming that there were no problems during processing and that it hadn't been used for someone else).

**American Red Cross Cord Blood Program Collection Sites** *(as of July, 2003)*

<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Info. Phone</b>
Coon Rapids	Minnesota	Mercy Hospital	651-290-8633
Mankato	Minnesota	Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital	651-290-8633
Minneapolis	Minnesota	Fairview University Med. Ctr.	651-290-8633
Portland	Oregon	Legacy Emanuel Hospital	1-877-783-3560
Portland	Oregon	Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital	1-877-783-3560
Portland	Oregon	Providence Portland Hospital	1-877-783-3560
Portland	Oregon	Providence St. Vincent Med. Ctr.	1-877-783-3560

Other Community Cord Blood Collection Programs

- Duke University: <http://www.cancer.duke.edu/ccbb/cordblood.asp>
- St. Louis: [www.slcb.org](http://www.slcb.org)
- New York Blood Center Placental Blood Cell Information phone line: 212-570-3230

**Other Websites on Cord Blood Donations:**

Cord Blood Registry  
<http://www.cordblood.com/aboutus/index.asp>

Cord Blood Donor Foundation  
<http://www.cordblooddonor.org/>

Cord Blood America

<http://www.cordblood-america.com/contact-us>

National Marrow Donor Program has a state-by-state list of cord blood banks.

[http://www.marrows.org/HELP/Donate\\_Cord\\_Blood\\_Share\\_Life/index.html](http://www.marrows.org/HELP/Donate_Cord_Blood_Share_Life/index.html)

A Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Banks

[www.parentsguidecordblood.com](http://www.parentsguidecordblood.com)

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#### **Books**

- **Cord Blood: Establishing a National Hematopoietic Stem Cell Bank Program.** Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2005.
- Steenblock, David. **Umbilical Cord Stem Cell Therapy.** Basic Health Publications, 2006.

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