

A Lifesaving Donation Only Mothers Can Give

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Blood



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Miracles For Patients In Desperate Need



Annually, thousands of people are diagnosed with diseases that may be treated with cord blood, and the likelihood of a match increases with each new donation.

Every expectant mother has the opportunity to give a life-saving cord blood donation. It's a painless procedure that does not affect the baby or the normal birthing process, and it's available at Jackson Memorial Hospital with the help of our LifeCord partners.

Why Cord Blood?

Cord blood treatment is similar to bone marrow treatment – it helps the body generate new blood cells to resist diseases. Oftentimes it can be very difficult for patients to find a bone marrow donor, especially for those with ethnically or racially diverse backgrounds.

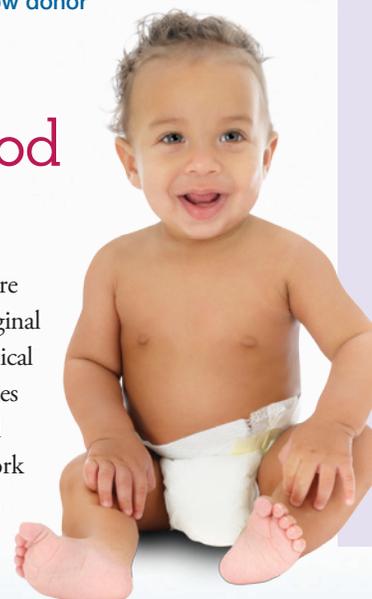
But there are other options – options that provide patients with more flexibility when they need a match.

Cord blood contains rich stem cells that don't necessarily need to match a recipient's tissue type as closely as donated bone marrow. People who benefit from cord blood transfusions include:

- Patients with leukemia, sickle cell diseases, and other kinds of cancer
- Patients who cannot find a bone marrow donor
- Patients in need of a quick transfusion

About Cord Blood Donations

Donating cord blood is a painless procedure that occurs just after birth. During both vaginal and C-section births, blood from the umbilical cord is collected in addition to blood samples from the mother. To streamline cord blood donation procedures, the required paperwork for collection is incorporated into our admission process.



Frequently Asked Questions

Where does my cord blood donation go?

Jackson Memorial Hospital collects donations in partnership with LifeCord, a nonprofit public cord blood bank licensed by the FDA.

Is there a cost associated with donating cord blood?

No, there is no cost to donate. LifeCord incurs the cost of collecting, testing, processing, and storing cord blood.

Is cord blood used immediately upon collection?

Not always. Cord blood that meets testing criteria will be listed on the Be The Match® Registry until it is needed by a patient.

What happens if I choose not to donate my cord blood?

If you do not donate your cord blood, the umbilical cord, placenta, and the lifesaving blood they contain will be discarded.

Can I get information about the person who receives my donation, or vice versa?

An identifying number is used to communicate information about donors and recipients, so personal information is never released.

“I battled leukemia in my teens. My life was saved by a cord blood donation, and now I’m pursuing my dreams.”

*Devon Vickers,
University of Florida –
Levin College of Law (’16)*



How To Donate

Cord blood donation is an option at Jackson Memorial Hospital. After discussing it with your doctor or midwife, remind the labor and delivery team that you are donating cord blood. When you pre-register, or when you arrive at the hospital, you’ll receive the required consent forms.

For more information about donating cord blood or the LifeCord program, please visit JacksonMaternity.org or call 305-585-3679.



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