

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

DUE TO FDA REQUIREMENTS, YOU MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM DONATING IF:

- You've been incarcerated within the last 12 months.
- You've visited the United Kingdom for a total of three months or more from 1980-1996.
- You've been stationed at European military bases from 1980-1996.
- You've lived or travelled to foreign countries effected by malaria.
- You are pregnant (you are welcome to donate after six weeks post-partum, if you're not anemic).
- You have certain medical conditions that require further consideration and need to be reviewed by our medical staff.
- You've taken certain over-the-counter medications or prescription drugs.
- You've had shots/vaccinations recently.
- You've had tattoos/piercings (depending on whether or not the piercing was performed with non-reusable equipment) within the last three months.

VIRAL SCREENING PROCESS:

- Once a blood donation is taken, a sample will be tested for infectious diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B & C and sexually transmitted infections.
- If your sample tests positive, your donation will not be used, at which time you will be notified by our medical staff.

All information you provide is kept confidential.



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WHOLE BLOOD

Whole Blood is comprised of four main components, specifically red blood cells, plasma, white blood cells and platelets. Donating blood depletes iron stores and it takes about two months to return to normal.

- Frequency - Whole blood can be donated every eight weeks (56 days)
- Length of Visit - Expect your visit to last 45 minutes.
- Process - Whole blood is collected from an arm vein where a phlebotomist will cleanse and sterilize the area of the arm from which the blood will be drawn. This process takes approximately 15 minutes.



PLASMAPHERESIS

Plasma is a fluid that carries the other parts of the blood. It also helps clot blood and supports the immune system. It only takes the body about 48 hours to replace plasma after a donation. Please note that donors are required to schedule an appointment for an annual physical with our qualified staff prior to donation.

- Frequency - Donors can participate up to two times per week.
- Length of Visit - Expect your visit to last an hour to 90 minutes.
- Process - A phlebotomist will cleanse and sterilize an area of the arm from which the blood will be drawn. The blood is sent through sterile tubing into an apheresis machine that spins the blood to separate the plasma from the other components which are returned to the donor through the same arm. This process takes approximately 45 minutes.



WHITE BLOOD CELLS (LEUKAPHERESIS)

White Blood Cells help defend the body against disease and infection. Leukapheresis is used to remove white blood cells and return the other parts back to the donor.

- Frequency - Donors may participate every two to four weeks, depending on the volume amount collected.
- Length of Visit - Expect your visit take from one to four hours.
- Process - A phlebotomist will cleanse and sterilize an area of the arm from which the blood will be drawn. The blood is sent through sterile tubing into an apheresis machine that spins the blood to separate the white blood cells from the other components. White blood cells are collected and the remaining components are returned via the other arm. The approximate time for this process will vary.
- Plasma donors are already qualified for this program. New white blood cell donors must have a pre-screening and laboratory testing in order to qualify.



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IN ORDER TO DONATE YOU MUST MEET THESE BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Be in good health and feeling well
- Be at least 18 years old
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Are not pregnant and have not been pregnant in the past 6 weeks
- Possess a valid government-issued photo ID (Driver's License, Military ID, etc.)
- Be able and willing to read and sign an informed consent
- Be willing to answer questions regarding your health, travel and medical history

Please note that this is not a complete list; other eligibility factors will apply.

All donors must qualify in order to be eligible for any program.

Only eligible donors will be compensated.

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