BLOOD DONOR GUIDELINES

If you have any questions, please ask a member of our staff

General Donor Requirements

All donors:
- Must provide personal photo identification
- Must be at least 17 years old
- Must weigh at least 110 pounds
- Should not be currently taking antibiotics or other medication for an active infection
- Should have eaten within 4 hours prior to donation

Permanent Disqualifications

- Any history of cancer, except basal cell carcinoma of the skin or carcinoma in situ of the cervix

Permanent Travel Disqualifications

- FROM 1980 THROUGH 1996: If you spent time that accumulates (adds up) to 3 MONTHS OR MORE in the United Kingdom (U.K.), including England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar or the Falkland Islands
- FROM 1980 TO THE PRESENT: If you spent time that accumulates to 5 YEARS OR MORE in EUROPE, including its overseas departments (Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal including the Azores, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain including the Canary Islands and Spanish North African territories, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia
- FROM 1980 THROUGH 1996: If you were a member of the U.S. military, a civilian military employee, or a dependent of a member of the U.S. military and you were associated with a military base in any of the following countries:
  a. For 6 MONTHS OR MORE FROM 1980-1990 in Germany, the United Kingdom, Belgium or the Netherlands
  b. For 6 MONTHS OF MORE FROM 1980-1996 in Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain or Turkey

Important Reminders

- Remember that you CAN give HIV to someone through a blood transfusion even if you feel well and have a negative HIV test. This is because tests cannot detect infections for a period of time after a person is exposed to HIV.
- Your complete honesty in answering all questions is very important for the safety of patients who receive your blood. All information you provide is confidential.
- Certain behaviors associated with increased risk of HIV infection include IV drug use, male-to-male sexual activity, and sexual activity with a commercial sex worker.
- Please DO NOT donate to get an HIV test.
- Please notify our staff if you have any reason to believe your blood is not suitable for transfusion.

Symptoms Associated with HIV/AIDS

If you exhibit any of the following symptoms at this time, please refrain from donating:
- Unexplained weight loss of more than 10 pounds within the last 2 months
- Unexplained sweating, especially at night
- Fever higher than 99°F for more than 1 week
- Swollen glands or enlarged lymph nodes in the neck, armpit or groin, either with or without pain
- Pink, blue or purple spots or lumps, raised or flat, on or under skin or in the mouth, nose or ears (look like bruises but don’t disappear)
- White patches in the mouth (thrush)
- Persistent diarrhea
- Persistent cough and shortness of breath

Intended Use of Blood Products

All products collected are intended for transfusion. Any products deemed not suitable for transfusion could be further manufactured and/or used for commercial or research purposes.

Iron Deficiency

Red blood cells (RBCs) contain iron. All blood donors, including platelet donors, lose some RBCs and iron with their donation. The impact of this iron loss on your health varies among donors. Your body needs iron to make new RBCs to replenish those you lose during donation. In younger women and frequent donors of either gender, blood donation may remove most of the body’s iron stores. Symptoms of iron deficiency include fatigue, decreased exercise capacity, neurocognitive changes, restless leg syndrome, and pica (a craving to chew things with no nutritional value, such as ice). In addition to eating a well-balanced diet including iron-rich food, iron deficiency may be alleviated by taking multivitamins with iron or iron-only supplements. You should discuss taking a multivitamin or iron supplement, including dose and frequency, with your personal physician.

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### Medication Deferral List

- **Permanent deferral:**
  - Etretinate (eg, Tegison) – usually given for severe psoriasis
  - Bovine Insulin (Beef Insulin, Insulin from cows) manufacture in UK – used to treat diabetes
  - Growth Hormone from Human Pituitary Glands – used to treat children for failure to grow

- **3 years after last dose:**
  - Acitretin (eg, Soriatane) – usually given for severe psoriasis

- **2 years after last dose:**
  - Teriflunomide (eg, Aubagio) – usually given for relapsing multiple sclerosis
  - Vismodegib (eg, Erivedge) – usually given for basal cell skin cancer treatment
  - Sonidegib (eg, Odomzo) - usually given for basal cell skin cancer treatment

- **12 month deferral:**
  - Hepatitis B Immune Globulin – given following exposure to Hepatitis B
  - Unlicensed Vaccine – usually associated with a research protocol

- **6 months after last dose:**
  - Dutasteride (eg, Avodart, Jalyn) – usually given for prostate gland enlargement

- **1 month after last dose:**
  - Finasteride (eg, Proscar, Propecia) – usually given for male pattern baldness
  - Isotretinoin (eg, Absorica, Accutane, Amnesteem, Claravis, Myorisan, Sotret, Zenatane) – usually given for acne treatment

- **7 days after last dose:**
  - Fondaparinux (eg, Arixtra) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Heparin and derivatives – given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Prasugrel (eg, Effient) – given to prevent stroke or heart attack
  - Ticagrelor (eg, Brilinta) – given to prevent stroke or heart attack
  - Warfarin (eg, Coumadin, Warfilone, Jantoven) – given to prevent blood clots and strokes

- **2 days after last dose:**
  - Apixaban (eg, Eliquis) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Dabigatran (eg, Pradaxa) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Dalteparin (eg, Fragmin) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Edoxaban (eg, Savaysa) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Enoxaparin (eg, Lovenox) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes
  - Piroxicam (eg, Feldene) - given to prevent stroke or heart attack
  - Rivaroxaban (eg, Xarelto) - given to prevent blood clots and strokes

The following drugs apply to platelet donations only:

- **14 days after last dose:**
  - Clopidogrel (eg, Plavix) – given to prevent stroke or heart attack
  - Ticlopide (eg, Ticlid) – given to prevent stroke or heart attack
  - Vorapaxar (eg, Zontivity) - given to prevent stroke or heart attack

- **2 full days (>48 hours) after last dose:**
  - Aspirin, aspirin-like, or anti-inflammatory medications (eg, Aleve, Advil, Naproxen, Ibuprofen, Nuprin, Excedrin, BC Powder, Duragesic, Midol, Voltaren)
  - Herbal supplements – garlique, ginger, gingko biloba, ginseng, magnesium salicylate

### Testing of Blood Products

- To protect patients, your blood will be tested for infectious diseases and certain other viruses. If your blood tests positive, it will not be transfused to a patient.
- If you have any reactive or abnormal test results, you will be notified by mail and your information will be placed in our electronic deferral database. You will not be able to donate again.
- Also, University of Texas MD Anderson is required by law to report donor information, including reactive results, to state or local health departments.

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**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Notice of Privacy Practices**

Our pledge regarding health information:

We understand that your health information is personal. We are committed to protecting your health information, otherwise referred to as Protected Health Information (PHI). We create a record of the medical history information and all testing of your blood donations. We need this to comply with certain legal requirements. This notice applies to all of the records of your donations generated by this healthcare facility. This notice is to inform you about the ways in which we may use and disclose health information about you and to describe your rights to your health information.

We are required by law to:

- Make sure that health information that identifies you is kept private.
- Give you this notice of our legal duties and privacy practice with respect to PHI.
- Follow the terms of the notice that is currently in effect.

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