Blood Bank News

Why should your family and friends become platelet and blood donors at M. D. Anderson?

• All blood components donated go directly to our cancer patients
• Cancer therapies depend on a comprehensive transfusion schedule
• Our patients use over 500 platelets and 150 red cells daily
• Our patients have long-term needs for multiple blood components
• Cancer does not take a holiday, vacation or a break

Platelets are very Critical at this time!

BLOOD DONOR CENTER – MAYS CLINIC (ACB)
1220 Holcombe
Coming from Fannin on Holcombe turn right on Bertner and enter the parking garage at entrance 5 – take elevator to the 2nd floor and we are right behind the information desk.
Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Last Platelet Appointment @ 4:00 pm

M. D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER BLOOD BANK
2555 Holly Hall
Coming from 610 S exit Almeda and head North you will take a right at the first light, Holly Hall and we will be on your left just past the railroad.
Monday - Friday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am – 5 pm
Last Platelet Appointment 1 Hour Before Closing

M. D. ANDERSON CLINICAL CARE CENTER / Bay Area – BLOOD DONOR CENTER
18100 St. John Drive
Take 45 to Nasa Rd 1 Exit and go East and follow it to St John Drive directly across the street from Nasa. We are in the Physicians Medical Center on the 3rd floor.
Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Last Platelet Appointment – @ 6:00 pm
Friday – 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Last Platelet Appointment – @ 2:00 pm

BLOOD DONOR CENTER – MAIN BUILDING
1515 Holcombe
Coming from Fannin on Holcombe turn left on to MD Anderson Drive at entrance 2 and take a right to garage 10 – head to elevator A and take elevator A to the 2nd floor.
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday -10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Parking Validation Upon Request for Mays Clinic (ACB) For Questions and Appointments, Please Call 713-792-7777
BLOOD AND PLATELET DONATIONS

GENERAL DONOR REQUIREMENTS

At least 17 years old
In good health
Weigh a minimum of 110 lbs
Bring picture ID and social security number
List of all medications you are taking and the reasons why you take them
Eat within 4 hours before donating

*Platelet Donation - No Aspirin for 2 days prior to donation

TEMPORARILY NOT ELIGIBLE

72 Hours:
Antibiotics

12 Months:
Significant cardiac problems, severe asthma, blood transfusion, tissue or organ grafts
Travel Outside the U.S.
Contact a Blood Bank Representative for information on specific country

* 48 Hours:
(*) Aspirin/Aspirin-containing products including Ibuprofen, Motrin, Advil, Nuprin and Aleve, and Herbal Products containing Garlic, Ginseng, Ginkgo or Ginger, including teas (Green Tea)

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

**Platelets**
- 90 – 120 Minutes
- *No Aspirin products*
- May donate every 2 days
- 1 Donor = 1 Platelet Dose
- 1 Component: Platelets
- Red Blood Cells and Plasma returned to donor

**Whole Blood**
- 25-30 Minutes
- Aspirin OK
- May donate every 8 weeks
- 8 Donors = 1 Platelet Dose
- 3 Components: Red Blood Cells, Platelets and Plasma
- Nothing returned to donor

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