

St. Louis Cord Blood Bank

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The First Gift.

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Instructions For Donating Cord Blood To The St. Louis Cord Blood Bank (SLCBB)



1. Review this packet of information.
2. Complete the medical history questionnaire. Call the St. Louis Cord Blood Bank (SLCBB) if you have any questions or need assistance in completing the form.
3. Mail the completed form anytime after the 30th week of your pregnancy, but prior to your delivery.
4. Review and keep the consent form in this packet. An exact copy of this form will be available for you to sign at the hospital at the time of your delivery.
5. Read and review "The First Gift" brochure.
6. Call the SLCBB at 314-268-2787 or 1-888-453-2673 if you have any questions.
7. **When you arrive at the hospital in labor, remind the staff in Labor and Delivery that you are a cord blood donor and give them the reminder card.**

Before Delivery



- A nurse at the SLCBB will review the completed medical history questionnaire and call you if there are any questions, or if it is found you are not eligible to donate.
- Your health care provider will be notified of your desire to donate the cord blood.
- A collection kit will have been sent to the hospital with your name on it, or your chart will have been flagged as a participant.
- A nurse will have you sign the consent.
- A nurse will obtain the sample of your blood at the same time they are starting your IV or obtaining blood work for your physician.
- If at anytime your physician or midwife becomes concerned with the health of you or your baby, the cord blood collection will not take place.
- The collection kit is then sent to the SLCBB, where tests will determine if the blood meets the criteria for being processed and stored and made available for patient use. If these criteria are not met, the blood will be used for research.

During Delivery



- After your baby is born, the umbilical cord is clamped, cut and separated from your baby. While waiting for the placenta to deliver, your physician or midwife will do the umbilical cord blood collection.
- The blood collected is the extra blood that is normally discarded after the birth of the baby.
- The entire process is non-invasive, painless and does not interfere with the birthing process.
- **Once the cord blood is banked**
 - You might possibly be contacted by a nurse from the SLCBB several weeks after your delivery to check on the health status of you and your baby following delivery.
 - When your child's umbilical cord blood is identified as a potential match for a patient any time in the future, an additional phone call is made to check on the health status of your child and the family.
 - In the event your child becomes seriously ill or develops a genetic disorder, an illness affecting the immune system, or a blood related disease, we would like you to notify the cord blood bank as this could impact the patient receiving the cord blood for transplantation.
 - This donation of your child's cord blood offers new hope to those in need of a stem cell transplant. Thank you.