

*"The First Gift"*

# The St. Louis Cord Blood Bank

 SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

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## **For New Transplant Centers**

As an introduction, please allow us to familiarize you with the requirements for obtaining a unit from our bank:

1. Your facility must have experience with unrelated donor transplantation (bone marrow, peripheral blood, or cord blood). Participation in the National Marrow Donor Program or similar regional program meets this criteria. Alternatively, the transplanters' credentials and experience can be submitted for documentation.
2. Your facility must have an active institutional review board or similar ethical board approved protocol for unrelated donor transplantation using cord blood as the donor source. A copy of the protocol and IRB approval must be submitted to the St. Louis Cord Blood Bank. If the patient cannot wait for the approval process, a compassionate protocol will be accepted. At the very least, documentation that the protocol has been submitted to the IRB for this and subsequent activity should be provided.
3. Confirmatory testing on the patient will be required. Providing concordant HLA results obtained from two separate specimens will be sufficient for this requirement. Alternatively, the bank can send a requisition to accompany patient buccal swabs directly to LabCorp.
4. A copy of the consent for transplant must be provided when signed.
5. Thawing of the product must be performed according to the procedure developed by the New York Blood Center, our institutional copy of which will accompany the product.
6. Your institution must agree to provide transplant outcome data in a timely fashion to the Cord Blood Bank. Forms will be forwarded in the package with the unit.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you!