

What is a Directed Donation?

Under certain circumstances a patient anticipating a transfusion may request blood from a friend or family member. This is called a directed donation. Directed donations must be ordered by a physician on an approved order form.



For more information about directed donations, please log on to www.igiveblood.com or contact The Blood Alliance at:

(904) 353-8263
or
(800) 447-1479

To submit a Directed Donation Schedule or a list of potential donors, you may fax, call, or mail The Blood Alliance at:

Phone: (904) 353-8263 or
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Saving Lives Through Blood Donation

Directed Donations



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What is the procedure for directed donations?

If you are considering asking family or friends to donate for an upcoming medical procedure, the first step is to discuss this option with your doctor. After discussing with your doctor, you should establish a contact person who will be responsible for coordinating a list of potential donors (you may serve as your own contact person). The contact person will need to provide the names of potential donors to The Blood Alliance before donation appointments can be scheduled. This can be done by mail, fax, or telephone.

Once a date is set for your procedure, your doctor must complete and sign an official Directed Donation Schedule, and return to The Blood Alliance. The following information must be completed:

- Your legal name
- Your date of birth
- Your social security number
- Your blood type
- Date of anticipated use of donated blood
- The hospital where you will be transfused
- How many units of blood you will need
- Name of your contact person

After the doctor has mailed or faxed the form to The Blood Alliance, each of your selected donors needs to contact The Blood Alliance to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

Where are directed donations performed?

Directed donations can be made at specific Blood Alliance Community Donor Centers. Please call (904) 353-8263 or (888) 447-1479 for locations.

What is the donation process?

The donation process for directed donors is identical to that of a volunteer blood donor. Trained Blood Alliance staff will ask the donors to complete a brief questionnaire and screen each person based on established criteria. All donated blood will be typed and tested for infectious diseases, including Hepatitis and HIV.

After all donations are tested, the donated blood will be released to the hospital designated by your doctor. If tests indicate that any of the blood should not be used for transfusion, then that unit will be destroyed.

Factors to Consider

Donations should be made within three to 10 business days before the scheduled medical procedure.

The donors you select must be in good health, meet all requirements, including minimum age and weight, and have a compatible blood type.

The donated blood may not be sufficient for your needs. If so, additional blood products will come from the community blood supply.

Some donors selected may not be suitable to donate blood for you.

It is recommended that a woman who is pregnant or of child-bearing age not receive blood from her male sexual partner.

Names of directed donors are confidential and cannot be released to anyone.

Directed donations are not available for emergency transfusions.

