

DO NOT USE THIS FORM AFTER

DONOR ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Questions, other than the following, concerning donor eligibility must be referred to the Collections Department at 1-800-338-8086 in Columbus.

**You must be feeling well the day of donation.**

- AGE:** You must be at least 17 years of age to donate blood. There is no maximum age limit.
- HIV/AIDS:** You are asked **NOT** to donate if you have done something that might mean your blood is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. You are at risk **of AIDS** if you have:  
Taken ("shot up") illegal drugs or steroids by needle, even once.  
Taken clotting factor concentrates for a bleeding disorder such as hemophilia.  
Tested positive for any AIDS virus.  
Been given money or drugs for sex, since 1977.  
Had a sexual partner who puts you at risk of AIDS. This means:  
- You have had sex within the last 12 months with someone who is at risk **of AIDS** (described above).  
- For male donors: since 1977, had sex even once, with another male. Within the last twelve months, given a female money or drugs to have sex with you.  
- For female donors: Within the last 12 months, given anyone money or drugs to have sex with you or had a male sexual partner who had sex with another male even once since 1977.
- ALLERGIES:** Allergies are generally not a cause for deferral. If you are currently experiencing symptoms, you will need to be evaluated at the time of donation.
- BLOOD TRANSFUSION:** You must wait 12 months after receiving blood to donate, unless you received **ONLY** your own blood.
- CANCER:** Call the Collections department at the toll free number above.
- COLDS:** You may not donate if you have a cold, a flu, sore throat or other type of infection.
- DENTAL WORK:** You may donate immediately after a tooth extraction or 3 days after oral surgery as long as you are not taking any medication and there is no infection. There is no waiting period for fillings or cleanings.
- DIABETES:** you may donate even if on insulin, provided the insulin protocol has been established for at least two weeks and you do not reuse your needles