



Community Blood Center
Community Tissue Services
Dayton, OH 45402

IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING AUTOLOGOUS DONATIONS FOR YOUR PATIENTS

DO REFER PATIENTS THAT:

- * ARE SCHEDULED FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY, WHERE BLOOD USAGE IS ANTICIPATED
- * HAVE ADEQUATE HEMOGLOBIN/HEMATOCRIT
- * CAN TAKE IRON TO REPLACE THE IRON LOST WITH REPEATED DONATIONS. (YOU MAY WANT TO RECOMMEND IRON SUPPLEMENTS TO YOUR PATIENTS REFERRED FOR AUTOLOGOUS DONATION.)

DON'T REFER PATIENTS:

- * WHEN YOU DON'T ANTICIPATE BLOOD USAGE.
- * WHO HAVE 5 DAYS OR LESS UNTIL SURGERY IF UNIT(S) GOING TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL OR 7 DAYS IF UNIT(S) MUST BE SHIPPED OUTSIDE OUR SERVICE AREA. PREFERABLY WORKING DAYS
- * WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT HEART DISEASE
- * WHO HAVE SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF ACTIVE INFECTIONS, INCLUDING PATIENTS EXPERIENCING BOUTS OF DIARRHEA.
- * WHO ARE PREGNANT, IN THE FIRST TRIMESTER, OR WITHIN FOUR WEEKS OF ANTICIPATED DELIVERY

OTHER FACTS TO CONSIDER:

The volunteer (Allergenic) blood supply is **extraordinarily safe**. In 2004, the risk of transfusion-transmitted HIV infection has been virtually eliminated.

The incubation period for HIV is about 10 years. If your patient has a **limited life expectancy, allogenic transfusion should not be a dominant concern.**

Blood donation has a 1.5 - 4.0% risk of reaction, ranging from fainting to heart attack to death. The physicians at Community Blood Center reserve the right to refuse any donor who they feel has a significant risk of reaction at the time of donation.