

Northern California Community Blood Bank (NCCBB)  
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## BLOOD DONATION PARENTAL CONSENT

California state law requires parental consent in order to accept blood donations from donors who are 16 years old. This consent must be used until the donor reaches the age of 17 years old.

I certify the following:

- I have read this consent and the educational information on the back and all my questions have been answered.
- I understand that both parent/guardian and the donor will be notified of test results that are abnormal.
- I understand that blood donation is voluntary and consent can be withdrawn at any time without penalty.

**I certify that my son, daughter or ward is at least 16 years old and has my consent to donate whole blood or blood components.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Donor Legal Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number  
(Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Unit Number Sticker

Medical Director Review

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Blood Donation Educational Information**

Your son/daughter/ward has expressed interest in donating whole blood or blood products. We hope that you will support and encourage his or her decision to donate blood. Blood donation is a safe procedure that is done with single use sterile equipment and with sterile technique. One cannot get a disease such as AIDS (HIV virus) from donation.

The donation process takes about an hour and consists of the following steps:

- Registration of demographic data into a computer. There must be photo identification. SSN is requested and wanted by NCCBB, but is not required.
- Donor History is done by a computer tablet or by paper and has questions regarding health, travel and high risk behavior. All information is kept confidential and is reviewed by a nurse or donor care specialist.
- Donor mini physical exam consists of temperature, blood pressure, pulse, hematocrit (obtained by finger stick) and examination of arms.
- Phlebotomy for whole blood takes about 5-10 minutes. Blood components taken by automated methods take about 45 to 60 minutes.
- Canteen time is at least 15 minutes and is the time when the donor enjoys food and liquid refreshment. This allows the donor to recuperate from loss of blood.

Blood is tested for a variety of infections – HIV (AIDS virus), hepatitis B and C, West Nile Virus, Chagas disease, syphilis, and HTLV. Both parent/guardian and donor will be notified of positive test results. Some positive test results by law are reportable to the Public Health Department.

A donor can be deferred temporarily or permanently because of factors in personal history and/or test positive results. The donor's name is entered into our confidential deferral database. All information is kept private and confidential.

Blood components such as plasma, platelets and double red cells are collected by automated technology. The component is drawn off by a machine that requires an anticoagulant to prevent clotting during the procedure. The machine takes off the needed component and returns the rest to the donor.

Donation is safe, but is not risk free. The most common adverse reactions are lightheadedness with or without fainting, bruise/hematoma and localized allergic reactions to the bandage or antiseptic. Uncommon ones are neural injury and bacterial infections. Automated blood collections can cause chills and tingling of the fingers and lips. Reactions can be delayed and occur 6-8 hours post donation.

If you have any questions, please contact NCCBB Donor Services at 707.443.8004 during working hours.