

# Directed Donations

Complete sections A, B, and D of the Special Collection Order and fax to (800) 886-7024.

Form Section	Instructions
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The patient ID is an optional field, but if a medical records ID is required by the hospital on the directed donor unit, it should be provided.</li></ul>
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><u>The ordering physician is responsible for working with the patient to select ABO/Rh compatible donors.</u></b></li><li>Leuko-reduced red blood cells are the standard product shipped.</li><li>Apheresis platelets from female donors with a prior pregnancy are allowed, but not encouraged since positive HLA antibody test results may lead to product discard.</li><li>A husband/male partner is prohibited from donating for his wife/female partner of childbearing age by American Red Cross policy due to a risk of incompatibility that may affect future pregnancies.</li></ul>
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ordering MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DPM, NP, PA, PA-C, CM, or CNM must sign and date.</li></ul>

- Orders must be received before appointments can be scheduled by the Special Collections Scheduling team.
- A service charge is added to the cost of directed blood to cover the special handling of these units. This charge may not be covered by insurance. As a representative of the transfusing facility your signature represents their agreement to receive the units ordered whether used by the intended recipient or not.
- We advise blood donations to be at least 2 weeks prior to the date of need to allow for processing and testing. Blood may be donated 4 to 5 weeks in advance for surgery.
- Donors should be at least 17 years old, at least 110 pounds and in good health. Donors sixteen years old may give only with parental permission.
- **Please remember to complete and submit the "Donor and Patient Risk Acknowledgment for Direct Donations" form for each directed donor.**
- ***Please remember the following: Incomplete order forms may cause processing delays.***
- ***Upon receipt of your completed order form, a scheduling coordinator will contact you within 7 business days.***

Contact: Special Collections Scheduling

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Business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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