

What are my choices?

Parents have four choices. They can pay to store the cord blood for their own family to use, donate it for others to use, donate it to research or they can discard it in the waste.

Why donate cord blood?

Cord blood can save a life! It has been used for stem cell transplants in children and adults to treat over 70 different diseases including:

- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Aplastic Anemia
- Multiple Myeloma
- Neuroblastoma
- Some Solid Tumors

How do I donate?

Parents must contact a public cord blood bank early on in the pregnancy to arrange to make a donation. We encourage Canadian residents to contact Victoria Angel Registry (see contact information below).

Who can donate cord blood?

Parents must fill out a questionnaire to determine if they are eligible based on their health history.

What is the cost?

Thanks to donations from Cells for Life, Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association and generous groups and individuals, there is no cost for Canadian residents to donate cord blood to Victoria Angel Registry. Note that with limited financial resources, Victoria Angel Registry cannot accept and process every sample that is offered.

Who collects the cord blood?

The bank will send a kit to the parents. The parents must present the kit to their doctor/ midwife at the time of birth. The cord blood will be collected immediately following the birth of the baby. The parents are responsible for shipping the kit so that it arrives at the laboratory within 24 - 40 hours. There is no charge for shipping.

Does it hurt?

It does not hurt the mother or the baby to collect the cord blood. However, the mother must submit a blood sample for testing. The baby does not need to submit a blood sample.

Who will use the donated cord blood?

The cord blood may be used by any individual in need from anywhere in the world.

For more information please contact:

Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association
www.GiveMarrow.net
519-564-4119

Cells For Life – Victoria Angel Registry of Hope
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