

THE FACTS ABOUT...

BECOMING A PLASMA DONOR

If you are interested in becoming a plasma donor, first visit www.donatingplasma.org to find the location of a plasma center closest to you by conducting a zip code search. You then can contact the center to learn of any specific requirements for donating your plasma and to request an appointment as a first-time donor.

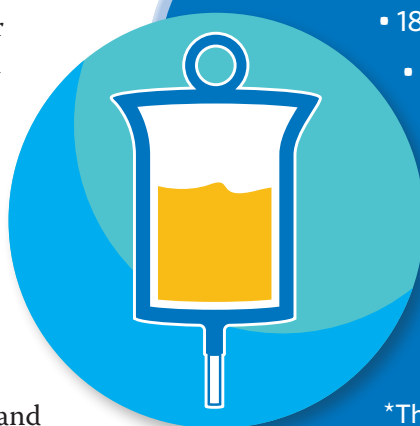
It takes commitment to become a plasma donor; commitment to the rigorous donation screening process of medical testing and health history questions. It takes dedication to lead a healthy lifestyle, so that you remain in good health and can continue to donate. Because of the highly specialized and sensitive therapies made from donated human plasma, and the sophisticated amount of testing involved with each donation, plasma from one-time-only donors is not used to produce medical therapies. This means that plasma donors must return to the center to donate at least twice in order for their plasma to be used to help those in need.

Become a part of a lifesaving journey that plasma takes from a dedicated donor to the thousands of patients with rare diseases that depend on plasma protein therapies to lead healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.

Source Plasma Donor Eligibility

- 18 years-old *
- Weigh at least 110 pounds (50kg)
- In good health
- Meet proper identification and residency requirements
- Live within a defined recruitment area of the collection center

*This may vary by state or country



Donations Needed for One Patient for One Year*

Primary immunodeficiency disease	130
Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency	943
Hemophilia A	1,237

*Based on 150 lb. adult treated for one year.



STEPS FOR DONATING PLASMA

1. Check in at reception

When a donor enters the plasma donation center, he or she must meet the basic requirements for donating found on the center or company website and present a valid form of identification (such as a government-issued driver's license) and proof of a social security number.

2. Health screening and physical exam

Qualified medical staff at the center will verify eligibility as a plasma donor, which includes performing a physical examination for new donors. Vital signs will be checked and a "fingerstick" check will be performed to measure the level of red blood cells and plasma proteins in the blood. Center staff will also review the donor's medical history.

3. Plasmapheresis procedure

Once the donor successfully completes the health and suitability screening, the donor is ready to be escorted to a comfortable plasma donation bed, where a trained staff person will complete the venipuncture or "blood draw" and will connect the donor with the plasmapheresis device, a specialized piece of medical equipment used to collect plasma. The automated medical device removes whole blood, separates the plasma from the other

blood components and then returns those components to the donor. During the procedure, a sterile, single-use kit is used, and the donor's blood never leaves the device.

4. Thanks for time and commitment

Once a donor has completed plasmapheresis, he or she is able to rest and recover in a dedicated area of the center. The donor may receive compensation for the time and commitment involved with voluntarily donating plasma.

5. Plan the next visit

Before a donor leaves the center, he or she is encouraged to plan the next visit to donate plasma. The center may accept appointments, or the donor may choose to walk in to donate.

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