

## What is an autologous donation?

Autologous means “self donation” and refers to donating blood for your own surgery. Since the patient is receiving his own blood, there is almost no risk of adverse reaction or infectious disease.

## What is required?

An autologous donation requires a physician’s prescription or order. The order may be faxed to the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center or you may bring the physician’s order to one of our fixed collection sites.

However, an appointment is required. When the surgery is scheduled and it is decided autologous blood will be used for transfusion, the surgeon must submit a signed STBTC Autologous Transfusion Order with the following information:



- Patient’s full legal name and date of birth
- Complete address and phone number
- Social security number
- Hospital name and city in which the facility is located
- Intended date of usage
- Blood components needed
- Prescribed medications
- Other diagnosed medical conditions

## When do I make this donation?

Autologous donations may only be drawn as early as 30 days prior to surgery and no less than 5 days prior to surgery. Pediatric donations (age 12-16) require approval of the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center’s Medical Director. At the first scheduled donation appointment, a schedule of donation dates will be planned, if needed. If the patient is unable to complete all donations due to a low hemoglobin or an insufficient time interval prior to surgery, the ordering physician will be notified.

## Are tests performed on autologous blood?

When an autologous blood unit is collected, all routine blood processing tests are performed. Any reactive test results will be reported to the ordering physician.

*Donations that are reactive for anti-HIV I/II, anti-HTLV I/II, Hepatitis C, or Hepatitis B Surface antigen will not be released for transfusion.*



## How is my blood reserved for me?

After an autologous blood unit has been successfully collected, it is carefully labeled with a specific autologous label with the patient’s name to identify it as an autologous unit belonging to a specific patient. The unit is tracked through the processing, testing and delivery cycle to ensure it is available for the patient. If the patient does not use the blood during the medical procedure, it will be discarded.

## Is there a fee?

The blood center requires appointments as a means to serve you better. A fee is charged for each collected unit to cover the extra processing and service fees. These fees are charged to the hospital and will be included in your hospital bill. If the surgery is scheduled in an area not serviced by the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center, the units will be shipped, but the patient is responsible for the processing and shipping fees.

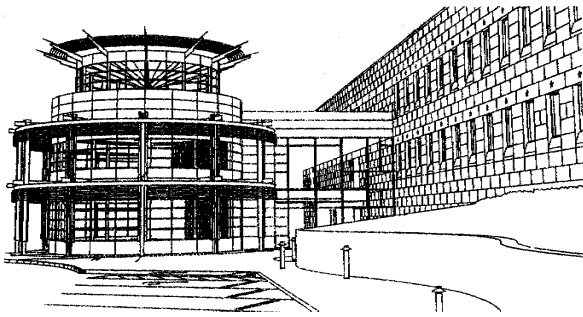
## How do I schedule an autologous donation?

To schedule an autologous donation, contact the Special Donations Department at (210) 731-5555 to schedule an appointment at a collection site near you.



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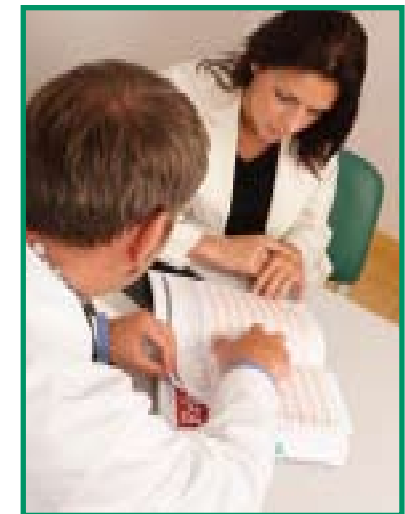
## Mission Statement

South Texas Blood & Tissue Center is committed to serving the south Texas community by utilizing state-of-the-art facilities and equipment to provide the highest quality of blood, tissue and related services, and to conduct research, education and program development.



# Your Blood Transfusion Options

# Autologous Donations



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