

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 & Tissue Center Oak Hills Donor room or you may bring the physician’s order at the time of your appointment.



Appointments are required. When the surgery is scheduled and it is decided autologous blood is ordered 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
- Required blood components
- 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 & 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. The fees are charged to the hospital and will be included in your hospital bill. If surgery is scheduled in an area not serviced by the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center, the units will be shipped, but the patient is responsible for the processing and shipping fees.

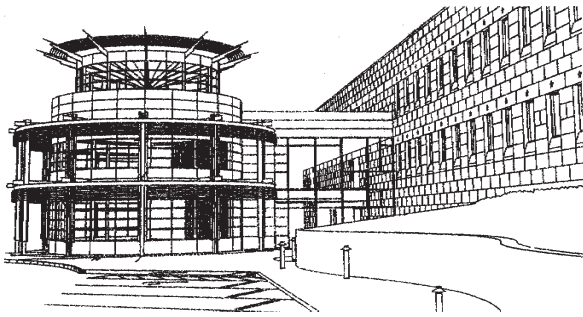
How do I schedule an autologous donation?

To schedule an autologous donation, contact the Special Collections Department at (210) 731-5555, ext 1537 or 1278 to schedule an appointment.



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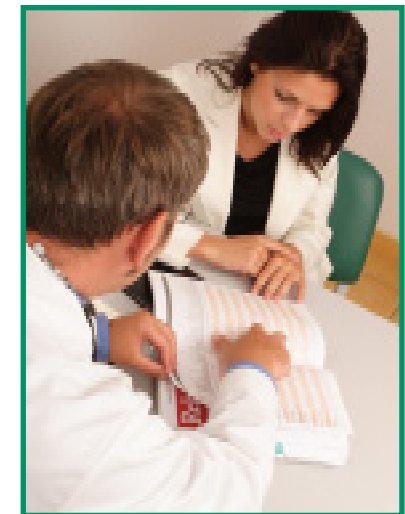
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