

Coordinator e-News

The Gift of AB Plasma

Each blood type is useful for its own unique reason, and many of us are aware that O- is the universal donor, but what about AB blood? AB blood donors are special too; they are universal plasma donors. For hospitals, AB plasma is like gold!

Any patient can receive AB plasma, regardless of their blood type. However, AB plasma donors are rare. If you have AB blood type, we may have contacted you to discuss donating plasma.

Plasma is the liquid portion of your blood and carries nutrients, blood cells, and enzymes throughout the body. Plasma can be used for patients with bleeding and clotting disorders, patients needing bone marrow and organ transplants, burn, shock and trauma victims, just to name a few.



When you donate one pint of whole blood, it is tested in our laboratory and divided into three parts- platelets, plasma, and red cells. Each of these parts can go to a different person and the plasma portion is one therapeutic dose. However, when you donate solely plasma, you can donate 3 therapeutic doses at one time!

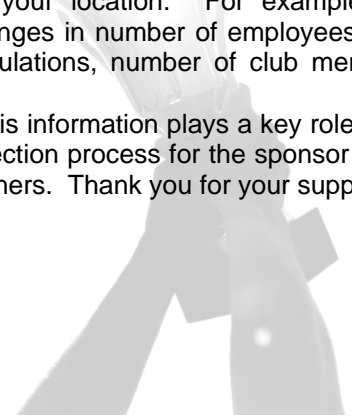
For a recipient, it is often best if the plasma they receive comes from one person instead of multiple donors. Please consider this opportunity; your AB plasma is so precious! To make a donation appointment, please call (800)280-4102 to locate a donation center near you.

Sponsor Awards

Every year we select several sponsor groups in different categories; (business, church, community, school, etc.,) in the Northwoods to receive an award for outstanding blood drives. Now we are in the process of determining the Community Blood Center's 2009 Sponsor Award Winners.

Please contact Jan Hadsell by January 8 with an updated group population for your location. For example; any changes in number of employees, town populations, number of club members, etc.

This information plays a key role in our selection process for the sponsor award winners. Thank you for your support!



November Coordinator of the Month

Applause! The Coordinator of the month award for November goes to Karen Carter! She coordinates the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, Sayner/Plum Lake Area Community Blood Drive. They had 26 donors that participated in the blood drive. Pat Van Acker, who helps recruit donors and makes appointments did a fantastic job. Also, thanks to all the faithful donors who attend the drive.

There were homemade cookies and the church was decorated beautifully for Thanksgiving. Thank you Karen, for your support and dedication!



The CBC staff in the Northwoods wish you and your family, friends, and loved ones the Merriest of Holidays! Jan, Debby, Deb, Cheryl, Gloria, Tara, Angela, Tracey, Peg, Melissa and Geri

