



Blood and Donor Services

CHOC Commerce Tower
505 S. Main Street, 1st floor, Suite 185, Orange, CA 92868
Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 7:00 pm
Telephone: (714) 532-8339 Fax: (714) 532-8830

Designated Donor Program: General Information

If you would like blood donated by family members or friends for your child's anticipated blood transfusion, CHOC Children's offers a Designated Donor Program. Designated donation does not necessarily ensure a safer blood supply nor does it decrease the risk associated with transfusion.

Setting up the Designated Donor Program

- Your child's healthcare provider is required to write a prescription ordering the Designated Donor Program indicating the number (if applicable) and type of blood products required.
- For children being scheduled for surgery, the healthcare provider's office staff will explain the Designated Donor Program to you and fax the written order to open the Designated Donor Program to CHOC Blood and Donor Services.

Scheduling Blood Donations

- Contact CHOC Children's Blood and Donor Services at (714) 532-8339 to schedule an appointment to set up the Designated Donor Program and begin the blood donation process.
- **It is important to schedule blood donations as soon as possible in order to allow enough time prior to the anticipated surgery/transfusion date to collect the required amount of blood.**
- Testing of the donated blood can take approximately 5 days to complete.
- Donated units of blood will be used in the order they are donated.
- If a designated donor unit of blood is not compatible with your child, it will be released to another patient in need.

Surgery patients:

- All surgery patients opening a Designated Donor Program must call CHOC Children's Admitting department at (714) 289-4145 as soon as a surgery date has been scheduled. Tell Admitting: "I need to pre-register my child for an upcoming surgery." Admitting will need to know your child's date of surgery and the date of your initial visit to Blood and Donor Services.
- It will be necessary to determine your child's blood type and antibody status through a blood test, in order to set up the Designated Donor Program. This is important so compatible blood products can be available for your child's surgery date. Please bring your child with you during your initial appointment to Blood and Donor Services.
- **It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to call CHOC Blood and Donor Services at (714) 532-8339 to confirm the compatibility and availability of donated blood for the child's surgery.**