

The Winter Haven Hospital
Community Blood Center hours are:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, and Friday.

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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U.S. License # 1266*



Directed Blood Donation Program



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BayCare Health System

Community Blood Center

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Guidelines for Directed Donations

It is our goal to provide safe and effective blood products for all our patients. The blood collected by the Winter Haven Hospital Community Blood Center comes from volunteer donors within our community. All donors are screened for eligibility using FDA and AABB established criteria and testing methodology. Some patients, however, may request directed donations because they believe that this will provide a safer blood product. Although there is no scientific evidence to support this belief, we will make every effort to provide this service to those patients requesting it. In the event that directed donations are requested, please follow the following guidelines.

- Directed donations are usually done at the patient or patient's family request in consult with the physician. Therefore a physician's order is requested.
- The physician's requisition may be faxed to the Winter Haven Hospital Community Blood Center or presented at the time of donation.
- Fax: 863-291-6704.
- A blood sample for a type and antibody screen may be required on the patient to determine suitability.
- All directed units are leukoreduced.
- Compatible directed units from blood relatives will be irradiated.
- The shelf life of the blood is 42 days unless the unit is irradiated. The blood then expires 28 days after the irradiation date.
- Only directed donations that are ABO and Rh compatible will be used for transfusion to the patient. All other directed donations units will be placed into general inventory and used for other patients.

- Directed donations for surgical patients will be held for 72 hours after surgery and then released into general inventory.
- Directed donations for newborns will be held for 7 days unless the physician specifies otherwise.
- Additional fees may apply if any special testing, irradiation, and/or shipping of blood are required.
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Directed donations are normally made no earlier than 10 days prior to use and no later than 48 hours prior to use, excluding weekends and holidays.
- Directed donors must meet all standard eligibility requirements.
- Prospective donors are not typed for ABO and Rh prior to donation.
- Notify the Winter Haven Hospital Community Blood Center as soon as possible of any change in surgery date.
- Please contact the Community Blood Center if you have any questions.

Winter Haven Hospital Community Blood Center Physician's Request for Directed Donations

Patient Information

Full Name _____ SS #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Diagnosis: / Surgical procedure _____ Transfusion /Surgery Date: _____ Transfusing Hospital: _____
Number of Units Needed: RBC FFP Other Specify _____

Physician Information

Name _____ Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Physician's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note:

- Winter Haven Hospital Community Blood Center is not responsible for directed donations lost due to mechanical or technical failure beyond our control.
- Directed Donations cannot be accepted in emergency situations due to the time constraints involved in processing the units.

Patient / Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____