UCI Blood Donor Center

Give the Gift of Life

Blood is truly the "gift of life" for patients in need. Because there is no substitute for human blood, our donors help to ensure we meet the community’s need for blood. If you have never donated before, you may be surprised to learn how easy it is. The Blood Donor Center staff will make your visit a simple and comfortable experience.

How will my blood be used?

Donations made at the Blood Donor Center will be used to meet the needs of our community. When a patient needs a blood transfusion and is compatible with your type, your unit of blood will be prepared and transfused to that person.

Who can give blood?

A blood donor must:

- be at least 17 years old;
- weigh at least 110 pounds;
- bring in a photo I.D.;
- be in good general health;
- bring a list of any current medications.

How long will it take?

The actual blood donation only takes 5 -15 minutes. However, you should anticipate being in the Blood Donor Center for about one hour. This includes time to participate in a brief health questionnaire and interview before the donation and have refreshments afterwards. Donors are asked to eat well-balanced meals and drink plenty of fluids both before and after donating.

Donate Platelets

Platelets help blood clot and prevent bleeding. Patients who are deficient in platelets are prone to hemorrhaging. Platelet donation helps patients with cancer or leukemia who are taking chemotherapy treatments, or with certain other diseases. Once collected, the life span of platelets is only 5 days. The Blood Donor Center constantly needs support for platelet donations.

To make an appointment to donate blood or platelets call 714-456-LIFE (714-456-5433) or email us at donateblood@uci.edu.

Location: Blood Donor Center
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