

## HOW CAN I HELP SAVE LIVES?

If you have Rh negative blood, you have the ability to produce Anti-D antibodies which are needed to create life-saving Rh Immune Globulin medication.

This medication is given to Rh negative women during pregnancy to prevent hemolytic disease of the newborn, a condition where an Rh negative mother's immune system attacks her baby's Rh positive blood, often resulting in the death of the baby. If you have been pregnant, you may have received this type of medicine during pregnancy and after delivery.



Rh Immune Globulin, which has saved countless lives over the past 40 years, can only be created from Anti-D antibodies found in plasma. These antibodies cannot be created in a laboratory.

A number of our existing plasma donors are women who suffered the heartbreak of losing a child before this medication became available. They donate now to save future generations of children by giving the gift of life.



# ARE YOU RH NEGATIVE?



## YOU CAN HELP SAVE A LIFE.

TO SCHEDULE YOUR FIRST  
APPOINTMENT, CONTACT:

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ANTI-D PLASMA  
DONATION PROGRAM



## WHAT IF I AM NOT SURE IF I AM RH NEGATIVE?

We can do a simple blood test at your first visit to our plasma center to find out if you are Rh negative. If you are not Rh negative, we have a variety of additional plasma donation programs that you may also be interested in.

## WHAT ARE RED BLOOD CELL IMMUNIZATIONS?

It is an injection of a very small amount of Rh positive Red Blood Cells to help stimulate the production of Anti-D antibodies in your plasma. Most plasma donors will need initial as well as periodic Red Blood Cell Immunizations to continue producing Anti-D antibodies.

## ARE RED BLOOD CELL IMMUNIZATIONS SAFE?

These red blood cells are drawn from carefully selected blood donors who have been tracked for at least two years to ensure they are free of infectious agents. Every unit of blood used for immunizations is frozen for at least one year; it is used at the end of the year only if the donor continues to remain free from infectious diseases.

## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

The first step would be to contact Cangene Plasma Resources to schedule your first appointment. Visit [www.CangenePlasma.com](http://www.CangenePlasma.com) to find the plasma center nearest you.



## HOW IS PLASMA DONATED?

Plasma is the straw-colored liquid portion of your blood which contains hundreds of proteins and antibodies. Plasmapheresis is the special process that allows you to only donate your plasma while having your red cells, white cells and platelets returned to you. As a result, it is unlikely that you will experience any weakness or fatigue after your donation. It usually takes only 45 minutes to an hour to donate plasma.



## IS DONATING PLASMA SAFE?

Donating plasma is a very safe process with minimal to no side effects. At your initial appointments, you will receive a physical exam and your medical history will be reviewed. These steps help ensure donating is safe for you and those who will be receiving products produced from your plasma. At every visit, your health will be screened to help you have a safe donation.

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

As an Anti-D plasma donor, you will be helping to create an Rh Immune Globulin medication that can save babies' lives. Without plasma donors, this medication would not be available to prevent hemolytic disease of the newborn.

Our plasma donors are provided compensation for their time associated with their plasma donations and Red Blood Cell Immunizations.

## ANTI-D PLASMA DONATION PROGRAM

To participate in this program, you must:

- Be Rh negative
- Be at least 18 years old
- Weigh at least 110 lbs (50 kg)
- Be in good health
- If female, no longer able to have children (i.e. post-menopausal or surgically sterile)
- Meet all other plasma donation requirements

## HOW DOES THIS PLASMA PROGRAM WORK?

If you are Rh negative, you have the ability to produce Anti-D antibodies in your plasma. Both men and women with negative blood types (A-, B-, AB-, and O-) are Rh negative.

Most people will need to periodically receive Red Blood Cell Immunizations to stimulate the production of Anti-D antibodies. If you are a woman and had blood incompatibilities during pregnancy you may already have Anti-D antibodies.

Once you start producing Anti-D antibodies, you can start donating plasma, up to twice a week, for this program.