

The SeraCare Special Donor Program—Information and Guidelines

Our program has been designed to provide you with a private, safe, and comfortable plasma-donation experience. We appreciate the personal decision you made to participate.

We want you to know that donations like yours play an important role in the development of new drugs and vaccines. Here's how it works. Three easy steps.

Step 1

Make your appointment.

Make an appointment to donate plasma by calling our

Donor Program Helpline
888.806.5215

Medical Practices should call our

Medical Practice Helpline
888.806.5215

We may also be contacted by

E-mail: donate@seracare.com

Or through our website at

www.seracare.com

Click on the Blood Donor tab on top of the picture.

Step 2

Follow these appointment-day guidelines.

Make sure to arrive at the Donation Center 20 minutes before your appointment.

Bring a picture ID, one other form of ID, and your social security number.

Drink extra fluids and eat a light meal a few hours before your appointment. Water and juices are better than coffee, soda, or other drinks with caffeine.

Bring a good book or a headset with your favorite music.

The Donation Center Staff will:

Ask you some questions about your health and medications.

Take your blood pressure and temperature.

Take a small blood sample to make sure you are not anemic.

Your Donation

An IV will be started in your arm. Your plasma will be collected using sterile, disposable equipment. The donation is safe and painless. Your only job is to sit back and relax for 45 minutes to an hour. Refreshments will be served after the donation, and you are on your way.

Your payment

A check to you from SeraCare will be waiting at the Donation Center. The staff will hand it to you immediately after the donation. The payment you receive is currently not reported to the IRS.

Step 3

Contact us for additional appointments.

You may be eligible to donate plasma regularly.

A payment, and our deep appreciation, will be yours after each donation.

Some general guidelines for donors

SeraCare welcomes donors of all ages and health conditions. Please e-mail or call us.

That said, you may be better qualified for our program if:

- You are between the ages of 18 and 65
- You weigh at least 110 pounds
- You have had no body piercing, tattoos, or permanent make-up, in the past year

A Message to Donors

It is important to us that your donation experience goes well.

Do not hesitate to contact us with questions or problems.

Our Donor staff is here for you.

Thank you from us at SeraCare, and thank you from the dedicated drug and vaccine researchers who will use your plasma donation to help others.



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Q What is plasma?

A Plasma is the part of your blood that holds various kinds of proteins, including antibodies. These antibodies are much needed for drug and vaccine research.

Q Why is my donation so important and so special?

A Your recent diagnosis may mean your white blood cells are producing disease-related antibodies that are carried in your plasma.

These antibodies are studied by researchers for clues about how disease works.

Antibody research has contributed to development of treatments for multiple sclerosis, cancer, HIV, rheumatoid arthritis, and many other crippling illnesses.

There is a severe shortage of this plasma, and we need your help.

Q Is a plasma donation the same as a blood donation?

A Plasma donation is very similar to blood donation, except it takes longer—usually 45 minutes to an hour.

Q How does the donation work?

A Blood is drawn through an IV in your arm.

The plasma is separated out.

The rest of the blood—red and white blood cells and platelets—is returned to your body, usually through the same IV.

Your body quickly replenishes the donated plasma, generally within 24 hours.

Q What does SeraCare do with my plasma?

A SeraCare purifies the plasma and makes it available to clinical and research laboratories.

Q Is plasma donation safe?

A Yes. Your donation is completed by a trained healthcare professional in a donation center licensed by the Food and Drug Administration.

Q Is there discomfort?

A No. In terms of discomfort, plasma donation is the same as blood donation.

Q Are there side effects?

A Side effects are rare, but it is possible to experience a temporary drop in blood pressure or dehydration, which may lead to dizziness, chills, or abdominal cramping.

These side effects are usually managed by raising your legs higher than your head, and taking in fluids.

Extra fluids are recommended before and after plasma donation and they will be offered to you by the donation center.

Q How often can I donate plasma and will I receive payment every time I donate?

A You can donate plasma up to twice per week in most cases, and each donation may qualify for a payment. Mileage expenses may also be reimbursed.

Q Will my donation be private?

A Yes. SeraCare complies with all donor-privacy regulations.

Your identity is never disclosed.

Only your doctor will know about your decision to donate, unless you choose to tell others about your generous contribution.

We at SeraCare thank you for considering plasma donation.

We hope you make the decision to help.



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SeraCare urgently needs plasma for research from people recently diagnosed with:

Infectious Disease

Lyme Disease (IgM)	Parvovirus (IgM)
Rubella (IgM)	CMV (IgM)
Hepatitis A (IgM)	Chagas (IgM)
Toxoplasmosis (IgM)	EBV (VCA, EA, EBNA)

Autoimmune Disease

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RF > 1500 IU/ml)	Sjögren Syndrome (ANA/SSa/ SSb positive)
Antibody Positive for TPO, ANA, SSa/SSb, ds-DNA	Systemic Lupus
Scleroderma (Positive ANA)	Hashimoto's Disease
	Graves' Disease

Below is a complete list of plasma we need.

Infectious Disease

Amebiasis, Aspergillus, Bordetella pertussis, Candida, Chagas (anti-T. cruzi), Chlamydia (IgA, IgG, IgM), CMV (IgG, IgM), EBV (VCA, EA, EBNA), Giardia, H. Pylori (IgA, IgG, IgM), HAV (Total, IgG, IgM), HBc (Total, IgG, IgM), HBeAg, HBe (Total), HBsAg (ad, ay), HBV and HBV DNA, HCV (Total, IgG) and HCV RNA, HGV, HIV-1 Ag (p24 and other WB patterns), HIV-1 Ab (group M, O, genotypes), HIV-1/2, HIV-1/2 (WB), HIV-2, HIV-1 RNA, Human	Papilloma Virus (HPV), Histoplasmosis, HTLV-I, HTLV-II, HTLV-I/II, HSV-1 (IgG, IgM), HSV-2 (IgG, IgM), Influenza A/B, Legionella (IgG, IgM), Lyme (IgG, IgM), Leptospira, Mononucleosis, Mumps (IgG, IgM), Mycoplasma (IgG, IgM), Parvovirus, Rubella (IgG, IgM), Rubeola (IgG, IgM), Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, S. cerevisiae (ASCA), Syphilis (RPR and anti-Treponema), Tetanus, Toxoplasmosis (IgG, IgM), VZV (IgM), West Nile (IgG, IgM)
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Autoimmune Disease

Antibody Positive: C-ANCA, anti-Cardiolipin (IgG, IgM, IgA), Gliaden, JO-1, Microsomal (TPO), Mitochondrial (AMA), Nuclear Ab (ANA), Parietal, PM-Scl-70, RNP, Smith, Smooth muscle (AMSO), SSa, SSb, Thyroglobulin, DNA/Histone, dsDNA and ssDNA, Ribosomal Nuclear Protein, Tissue Transglutaminase, Multiple Sclerosis, Psoriasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis (RF), Systemic Lupus, Interfering Substance, Lipemic, Icteric, Hemolyzed

Other

Cancer: Breast, Cervical, Colon, Kidney, Lung, Myeloma, Ovarian (CA-125), Prostate. **Coagulation Factors:** Low Factor V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII. **Hematology/Oncology:** Anemia (Pernicious or Sickle Cell). **Immune/Serology:** ASO, Allergy RAST Score, HLA, IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, IgM (allergen-specific and total IgE). **Inflammatory:** Elevated CRP B2 glycoprotein, RF. **Joint:** Osteoarthritis. **Ob Gyn:** Pregnancy hCG (bulk).



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