

BLOOD DONATION PARENTAL CONSENT

California state law requires parental consent in order to accept blood donations from donors who are 16 years old. This consent must be used until the donor reaches the age of 17 years old.

I certify the following:

- I have read this consent and the educational information on the back and all my questions have been answered.
- I understand that both parent/guardian and the donor will be notified of test results that are abnormal.
- I understand that blood donation is voluntary and consent can be withdrawn at any time without penalty.

Blood Donation Educational Information

Your son/daughter/ward has expressed interest in donating whole blood or blood products. We hope that you will support and encourage his or her decision to donate blood. Blood donation is a safe procedure that is done with single use sterile equipment and with sterile technique. One cannot get a disease such as AIDS (HIV virus) from donation.

The donation process takes about an hour and consists of the following steps:

- Registration of demographic data into a computer. There must be photo identification. SSN is requested and wanted by NCCBB, but is not required.
- Donor History is done by a computer tablet or by paper and has questions regarding health, travel and high risk behavior. All information is kept confidential and is reviewed by a nurse or donor care specialist.
- Donor mini physical exam consists of temperature, blood pressure, pulse, hematocrit (obtained by finger stick) and examination of arms.
- Phlebotomy for whole blood takes about 5-10 minutes. Blood components taken by automated methods take about 45 to 60 minutes.
- Canteen time is at least 15 minutes and is the time when the donor enjoys food and liquid refreshment. This allows the donor to recuperate from loss of blood.

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