

CORD BLOOD COLLECTION

Cord blood collection is a technology that is available to patients who would like to have their baby's stem cells collected and stored at the time of birth. We are sharing this information with you to answer some of the questions about cord blood collection.

The benefit of choosing to have your baby's cord blood collected and stored is that the cord blood contains stem cells, which are also found in bone marrow. Banking the stem cells found in cord blood may be helpful in the treatment of their baby, or other family members, in the case of a serious illness such as leukemia, immune or blood disorders, or other forms of cancer.

According to information we have received, PharmaStem is the company that patented the technology to collect and store stem cells obtained from the cord blood. **We will only collect the cord blood for companies licensed with PharmaStem.** The companies licensed with PharmaStem are subject to change. Please visit their website at www.pharmastem.com for the latest list of participating companies.

Cord blood collection and storage is an agreement between the patient and the cord blood storage company selected. Your Obstetrician will collect the cord blood for licensed Pharmastem companies for you at the time of delivery and place it in the container you bring with you to the hospital. This "collection kit" will be provided to you by the cord blood storage company. We do not supply the collection kit and will not be able to collect the cord blood for you unless you have made arrangements prior to delivery to contract with a vendor and bring the supplies with you.

Our fee for the collection of the cord blood is \$275.00. This fee is not billed to your insurance company. It has to be paid by you in full prior to delivery. If this is a service you would be interested in receiving, you can research these companies on the internet at www.pharmastem.com. If you choose to use this technology, please communicate your intention to have this service provided as soon as you are confirmed with the company you choose.

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