

What we test your blood for:

Regardless of how many times you may have donated, we test every unit of donated blood for things that could cause infections in the person who receives your unit. Here is a list of the diseases we screen for:

- The HIV virus that causes AIDS
- HTLV-I/II – viruses that may cause blood and nerve disease
- Hepatitis – two types of viruses that affect the liver – Hepatitis B and C
- Syphilis
- West Nile Virus
- Chagas Disease
- Zika Virus

We also test for your blood group, Rh type and blood group antibodies. First time donors will receive a letter of thanks along with their blood type via mail in a few weeks. Repeat donors requesting their blood type will also receive the information via mail.

If any of our tests discover something you should know, we will contact you privately regarding the results and advise you of what to do next.

We do not send out results for negative tests (test results that are normal).

About the blood donor center:

The blood donor center exists to meet the transfusion needs of patients and to serve the needs of Pasadena and the greater San Gabriel Valley. Huntington Hospital is a Level II Trauma Center, providing life-saving critical care for trauma and emergency patients. Since blood is a vital resource that requires constant replenishment, the center depends on the active participation of community members to meet the needs of our patients. It is through the generosity of people like you that we are able to care for our community.

If you are unable to donate:

You can still help by recruiting others to donate. Let people know how important blood donation is for all of us.

Donor center hours:

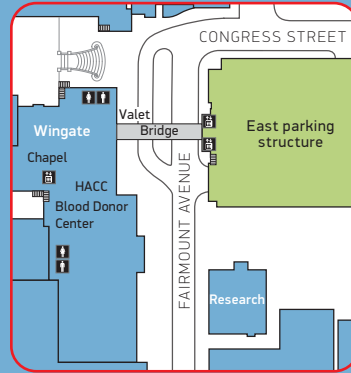
Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Blood Donor Center at Huntington Hospital

The location of the center is on the main campus of Huntington Hospital, on the ground floor of the Wingate building near the Emergency Department.

Parking is validated.



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*Answers to questions
about blood donation*



Why donate blood to Huntington Hospital?

Much of today's medical care depends on a steady supply of blood from healthy donors. The chronically low blood supplies can affect the trauma center and the hospital's ability to help those in need. A donation to Huntington Hospital means blood is available for your family, friends neighbors and community when it is needed.

Your donation is truly an act of kindness that makes a difference!



HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL
USES MORE THAN 13,000
BLOOD PRODUCTS A YEAR.



3% OF ELIGIBLE
DONORS IN CALIFORNIA
GIVE BLOOD.



EVERY 3 SECONDS
SOMEONE NEEDS BLOOD.



EVERY DONATION CAN
SAVE UP TO 2 LIVES.

Basic donor requirements:

- Must be 16 years of age or older – 16-year-olds must have a written Huntington Hospital parental consent form.
- Must weigh at least 110 pounds.
- People over age 75 may donate at the center with a physician's approval.
- Should be in general good health.
- Medications:
 - Antihistamines, birth control pills, and blood pressure medications are usually fine.
 - Aspirin is fine if not donating platelets.
 - Antibiotics for acne or rosacea are fine.
- Most medications are acceptable – ask the donor center if you have any questions.
- Diabetics may donate if diabetes is controlled with diet or medication. Diabetics taking insulin may donate as long as they are in good control and they have never taken bovine insulin.
- Allergy shots are fine if received 24 hours prior to donating.

- Cancer: May donate after treatment of basal cell skin cancer, squamous cell skin cancer, and cervical dysplasia or carcinoma in situ of the cervix. Donors with a history of a solid organ or nonhematologic malignancy may donate one year after completion of treatment provided they have remained symptom free without relapse.
- Blood pressure: May donate if blood pressure is controlled with medication.
- Thyroid condition: May donate if controlled with medication.

Temporary deferral of donating:

May donate 48 hours after:

- Cold or flu – if symptom free

May donate two weeks after:

- Getting tattoo in a regulated facility

May donate four weeks after:

- Rubella injection

May donate 30 days after:

- Last dose of Accutane, Proscar or Propecia

May donate six weeks after:

- Pregnancy – if routine delivery
- Surgery – if well healed

May donate one year after:

- Two weeks after getting tattoo in a regulated facility.
- Receipt of a blood transfusion, including your own (autologous)

Travel to malaria area:

- Ask the donor center if you have any questions.

Indefinite travel deferral:

- 3 months cumulative time in the UK from 1980 to 1996.
- 5 years cumulative time in Europe since 1980.
- Please inform us if you were a member of the US military, a civilian military employee or dependent.

Permanent deferral:

- HIV infection
- Hepatitis / jaundice after age 10
- Donors with a history of Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease or Malignant Melanoma
- Taking the medication Tegison

The three step process of blood donation:

First, you will read the provided donor educational materials. If for any reason you should not donate, this will provide "ways to disqualify yourself". Next, you will fill out the Blood Donor Questionnaire. We will need to see a photo ID (driver license, school ID or passport), preferably a driver license.

Second, we will ask you about your medical history in a confidential medical screening performed by one of our trained staff. If you have any questions, feel free to ask them at this time. We will also check your temperature, blood pressure, pulse and take a drop of blood from your finger to make sure it is safe for you to donate (hemoglobin level testing).

Third, we will take you into the donor room/area to donate your unit of blood. This will take 5-10 minutes. We provide snacks such as cookies, yogurt, chips, ice cream and juice while you relax for the required amount of time (15 minutes) after the donation.