

How a Unit Becomes a Pint

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Community Blood Centers



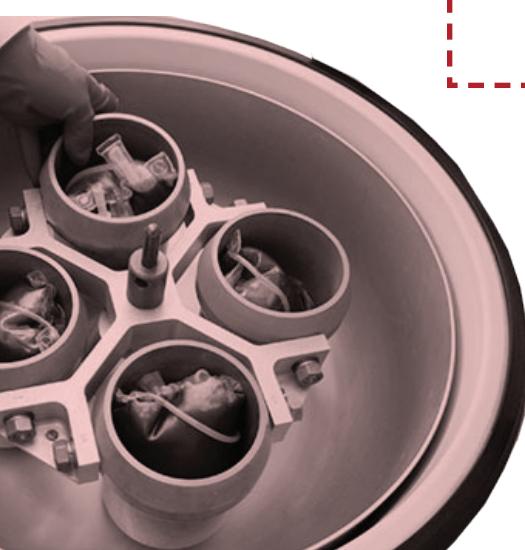
A pint of blood is drawn from a volunteer donor.



Blood is collected into a sterile bag.



Units are transported to the nearest LifeSouth testing and processing lab.



Blood is centrifuged to separate it into up to three separate transfusible components.



Blood components are stored for transfusion. The shelf life of blood is limited.



Local hospitals order blood components based on patient transfusion needs, and LifeSouth delivers the ordered blood.



Blood is tested to ensure that it is safe for transfusion and determine which patients can receive it.