

Doctor's request for autologous donation

Patient surname:
 First names:
 Surgical procedure:
 Hospital:
 Date of procedure:
 Time:
 Anaesthetist's name:

Blood product(s) required	Number of units required
Adult whole blood:	<input type="text"/>
Adult red cell concentrate:	<input type="text"/>
Fresh frozen plasma:	<input type="text"/>
Other:	<input type="text"/>

Please indicate whether you would like any of the above units leucocyte reduced. Yes No

Patient's medical history to be completed if available.
 Circle the applicable:
 Cancer Cardiac disease Diabetes
 Epilepsy Respiratory disorder Rheumatic fever
 Other:
 List of current medications:

I, the undersigned:

- request that autologous units are provided for the above-mentioned patient.
- understand that blood from the general blood supply is available, should the need arise.
- understand that the Western Province Blood Transfusion Service may refuse to accept this patient for Autologous donation.

Doctor's name:
 Address:
 Postal Code:
 Telephone (w):
 Cell:
 E-mail:
 Practice No.:
 Doctor's signature: Date:

Where are autologous donations made?

Autologous donations are managed by the Autologous Donations Unit located at the WPBTS in Pinelands, Cape Town.
 Contact details:
 Tel: 021 507 6397 / 6320 | Fax: 021 531 3335
 E-mail: autologous@wpbts.org.za

Alternative options

If you are not able to make use of autologous donation you may want to consider designated donation. This donation procedure allows suitable family and friends with the same blood type to make donations as an alternative to the general blood supply. You can discuss this option with your doctor.

The Western Province Blood Transfusion Service operates according to "The Standards of Practice for Blood Transfusion in South Africa" and is accredited by the South African National Accreditation Systems (SANAS).
 The Service collects approximately 130 000 units of blood each year which are used to save or enhance the lives of more than 390 000 people.

Contact Us

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What is autologous donation?

If you are having non-emergency (planned) surgery, your general health is good and your surgeon anticipates you may require blood you may be able to donate your own blood for use during the operation.

Why autologous donation?

Your blood is always the right type for you and there is no risk of an adverse reaction as a result of incompatibility.

Who can become an autologous donor?

Autologous donors should:

- fulfil most of the health requirements of regular donors
- be between 12 and 70 years old
- preferably weigh more than 50kg
- have a minimum haemoglobin level of 11g/dl
- eat and drink sufficient fluids within the 4 hour period prior to donation

Pregnant women may also be considered for donation, provided there are no complications in pregnancy.

Circumstances that excludes autologous donation

If you have a history of severe cardiac disease, aneurysms, strokes; have had dental work performed 3 days prior to donation; or have a current viral or bacterial infection you may not be a suitable candidate for autologous donation. WPBTS' clinicians will however consider exceptions to the autologous donation acceptance criteria.

If you test positive for HIV or hepatitis you will unfortunately be excluded from donating as WPBTS is not allowed to accept or keep infected blood donations.

How and when are autologous donations made?

Your surgeon will decide on the number of units which you may require during surgery up to a maximum of five. Your donations will then be planned well in advance and only one unit at a time can be donated at intervals of 4-7 days.

The final donation should not be less than 3-7 days prior to surgery to allow your body adequate time to recover from the temporary blood volume and protein loss. To prevent anaemia WPBTS recommends that an iron supplementation course be started 7-10 days prior to the first donation.

In the event of unexpected bleeding during surgery, it may become necessary to supplement autologous units with blood from the general blood supply.

In order to schedule your appointments, the enclosed doctor's request and patient consent forms must be submitted to the autologous unit at WPBTS.

Costs

Autologous units are charged at the same price as routine units and a fee will be levied to cover additional administration costs.

Pre-authorization may be required from your medical aid and all charges will be billed to you even if the units are not used as the costs incurred remain the same.

Unused autologous blood donations cannot be used as part of the general blood supply unless you are a regular blood donor.

Patient's consent for autologous donation

I have read and understood the information on autologous donation and consent to participate in this programme.

I understand that:

- donor blood would be routinely available to me and that this autologous donation is entirely voluntary
- I will be charged for autologous units irrespective of whether the blood is used or not
- the units may be rendered unusable due to circumstances beyond WPBTS' control

I consent that:

- any abnormal test results may be divulged to my doctor confidentially by the WPBTS clinician
- blood from the general blood supply can be used, should the need arise

Surname:

First names:

Address:

..... Postal Code:

Telephone (h): (w):

Cell:

E-mail:

Date of birth:

Medical Aid:

Medical Aid No.:

Member's name:

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Referring doctor:

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Date of surgery:

Patient's signature: Date:

(Parent/guardian signature required if donor is a minor)

Witness signature: Date: