

Platelets

What are Platelets?

Platelets are the clotting factor of the blood.

How will giving platelets affect me?

A donor only gives about 10% of their platelets at one donation. Your body rebuilds your platelet supply very quickly. In fact, you could give platelets again in as little as three days if needed.

Who will benefit from platelet donations?

Severe trauma patients use platelets to stabilize and control bleeding.

Most of the platelets go to help cancer patients. Chemotherapy kills the cancer cells in patients but, also can kill their platelets as well. Cancer patients need platelets to keep them from bleeding internally until their own platelets can rebuild.

Who can donate?

You must be at least 18 year old, qualify as a regular blood donor, and be able to spend approximately two hours for donation. They will check your arms and platelet count to see if you can be a donor. You will be able to make appointments that will suit your schedule and be able to know that those two hours saved a life.