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Sahlgrenska Universitetssjukhuset / Östra, 416 85 Göteborg

Would you like to donate? You may register now.

I/we are interested in donating the cord blood remaining in the  
placenta/umbilical cord after the birth of my/our baby, to the  
National Cord Blood Bank.

Baby's due date .....

Name of mother .....

Social Security Number (10 digits) .....

Name of father .....

Social Security Number .....

Address .....

Area code .....

Telephone .....

Email .....

Signature .....

Full name .....

NB! This registration is not legally binding.

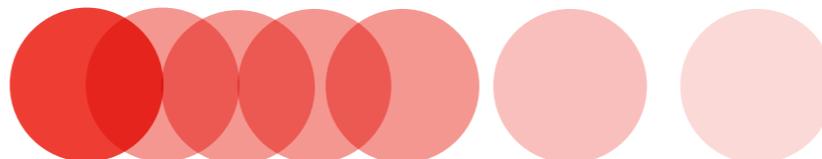
### Would you like to know more?

Please contact one of our midwives:

Call +46 (0)31-343 63 10 or email to  
navelstrangsblodbanken.su@vregion.se

For more information, please go to our website at  
[www.sahlgrenska.se/navelstrangsblodbanken](http://www.sahlgrenska.se/navelstrangsblodbanken)

This information is also available in the following languages:  
Swedish, French, Spanish, Arabic, Farsi, Sorani, Somali,  
Serbo-Croat and Turkish.



## To you who will soon be giving birth

Your baby's umbilical cord blood  
can save lives.

## Help us save lives

Umbilical cord blood has unique properties that can be used to save lives. The Swedish government has therefore decided that there should be a central national donation bank for umbilical cord blood in Sweden.

After the birth of your baby, a small amount of blood remains in the umbilical cord and placenta. This blood, which contains blood stem cells, can be used to treat people suffering from life threatening diseases, by transplanting these stem cells. This applies especially to children with leukaemia or other blood diseases. These diseases are currently treated by transplanting blood stem cells from bone marrow, but umbilical cord blood could offer a better option.

Donating your baby's umbilical cord blood is entirely voluntary and requires the consent of the legal guardian/guardians.

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If you have any queries, you may:

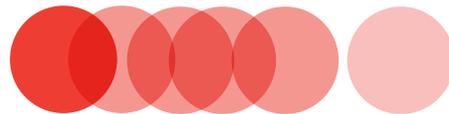
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## FAQs about donating umbilical cord blood

### How is the blood collected?

After the birth, your the blood from the placenta is allowed to continue flowing for a minute before the umbilical cord is clamped and cut. You or your partner will be offered the opportunity to do this. The blood remaining in the placenta is collected and stored. Paediatricians and obstetricians at Sahlgrenska Hospital give their consent for the umbilical cord blood to be collected and sent to the National Cord Blood Bank.

### How are the blood and the information processed?

The blood collected from the umbilical cord/placenta is sent to the National Cord Blood Bank, Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, where it is stored frozen. It is available to whoever needs a cord blood transplant – in Sweden or abroad.

### Are any tests needed?

We take a sample of your blood during the delivery and test to eliminate the presence of serious infectious diseases that could endanger the health of the patient receiving the cord blood transplant. No samples are taken from the baby. Information about you and your baby's health is recorded and saved to facilitate finding suitable recipients of the blood.

Should your blood test or the test from your baby's umbilical cord blood reveal anything unusual, we will contact you to discuss what this means.

We also need to know your country of origin and that of the baby's father. This helps us when we have to determine the blood tissue type and when we must later decide if your baby's cord blood matches a particular patient.

The normal confidentiality conditions that apply within the National Healthcare apply to the information on you and your baby, and your data will be processed in such a way as to ensure that no unauthorised personnel have access. You have the right to know the details of any data stored in our records about you and your baby.

### Are there any religious objections?

Leading representatives of the major religious communities in Sweden, i.e. the various Christian churches, the Jewish and Muslim communities, have, in a joint statement, all declared that their religions support the donation of umbilical cord blood.

### Is there any profit incentive?

No. The National Cord Blood Bank is a non-profit organisation. The Blood Bank is a public government facility and collection for-private use is not allowed.

### Can we always store your baby's umbilical cord blood?

At present, we do not have the facilities to process umbilical cord blood 24 hours a day. Sometimes, the volume of blood remaining in the umbilical cord may be too low for transplant purposes. In cases where the volume of blood is too low, the blood donated may be used for research. Such research is always approved by the Regional Ethics Committee and your consent is required.

### How do I register my interest in donating?

Please inform your midwife at MVC that you are interested in donating, or complete and submit the attached registration form. When you arrive at the delivery ward, we will again ask you if you are interested in donating the umbilical cord blood after the birth of your baby.