

CORD BLOOD OVERVIEW

Cord blood collection for personal banking or donating is something that many families are choosing to participate in. The current average cost for private cord blood banking is roughly \$2,000 for collection, testing, and the first year of storage. Donating cord blood is currently free through the New England Cord Blood Bank. They will send you a kit with instructions for collecting your cord Blood and instructions for pick up when you are ready.

Cord Blood Banking

Cord blood banking is the collection and storage of the stem cells found in your newborn's umbilical cord. Cord blood preservation is a simple, painless procedure that can take place after your birth. Cord blood cells have been used successfully in the treatment of nearly 80 life threatening diseases. When you bank your baby's cord blood, you are making a choice that could potentially provide a lifesaving treatment for your child or a family member.

Cord Blood Donation

Donating to a public cord blood bank is free. Umbilical cord blood is rich in blood forming cells. These cells may be needed by someone else with a life threatening disease such as leukemia or lymphoma or used in research. For more information and to receive a instructions and a "kit" please contact <http://www.cordbloodbank.com> .

More information about banking or donating your baby's umbilical cord blood cells can be found online. Here are a couple links:

http://www.marlow.org/HELP/Donate_Cord_Blood_Share_Life/index.html
<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/pages/Banking-Cord-Blood.aspx>
<http://kidshealth.org>
<http://parentsguidecordblood.org/>
<http://www.americanpregnancy.org>

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