Important Information You Must Know About Stem Cell or Other Cellular Therapy Donations to Stem Cell Transplant Patients

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Important Information Donors Must Know About Stem Cell or Other Cellular Therapy Donations to Patients

This information sheet explains how YOU can help make the donation process safe for yourself and the patient who is scheduled to receive your stem cell or other cellular therapy donation. In addition to stem cells, you might donate donor leukocytes or granulocytes to this patient.

Please read this information BEFORE you donate. If you have questions, please ask your medical team. ACCURACY AND HONESTY ARE ESSENTIAL!

DONOR ELIGIBILITY – SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

Why we ask questions about sexual contact: Sexual contact may cause contagious diseases like HIV or hepatitis B to get into the blood stream and be spread through transfusions to someone else.

Definition of “sexual contact”: The words “have sexual contact with” and “sex” are used in some of the questions and apply to any of the activities below, whether or not a condom or other protection was used:

1. Vaginal sex (contact between penis and vagina);
2. Oral sex (mouth or tongue on someone’s vagina, penis, or anus);
3. Anal sex (contact between penis and anus).

Why we ask questions about travel to or birth in other countries: Blood donor tests may not be available for some contagious diseases that are found only in certain countries. If you were born in, have lived in, or visited certain countries, you may not be eligible to donate.

HIV/AIDS Risk Behaviors and Symptoms
AIDS is caused by a virus called the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). HIV is spread mainly through sexual contact with an infected person OR by sharing needles or syringes used for injecting drugs.

TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT YOUR DONATION IF YOU:
- Have AIDS or have ever had a positive HIV test
- Have ever used needles to take drugs, steroids, or anything not prescribed by your doctor in the past five years.
- Are a male who has had sexual contact with another male, even once, in the past five years.
- Have had ever taken money, drugs, or other payment for sex in the past five years.
- Have had sexual contact in the past 12 months with anyone described above.
- Have had syphilis or gonorrhea in the past 12 months.
- In the last 12 months have been in juvenile detention, lockup, jail, or prison for more than 72 hours.

**TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT YOUR DONATION IF YOU:**
- Have any of the following conditions that can be signs or symptoms of HIV/AIDS:
  * Unexplained weight loss or night sweats
  * Blue or purple spots in your mouth or skin
  * Swollen lymph nodes for more than one month
  * White spots or unusual sores in your mouth
  * Cough that won’t go away or shortness of breath
  * Diarrhea that won’t go away
  * Fever of more than 100.5 degrees F for more than 10 days

**TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT YOUR DONATION IF YOU:**
- Have had body piercing with a non-sterile needle or a tattoo in the past 12 months.
- Have lived in any malaria endemic areas (including Africa) within the past 3 years, traveled to those areas within the past 12 months or have had malaria and been symptomatic within the last 3 years.
- Have had hepatitis on or after the age of 11 or have been exposed to hepatitis in the past 12 months.
- Have a family history of blood disorders or metabolic diseases that are hereditary
- Have traveled to Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, or Vietnam in the past 14 days.
- Have received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom from 1980 to present.

Remember that you CAN give HIV to someone else through blood transfusions even if you feel well and have a negative HIV tests. This is because tests cannot detect infections for a period of time after a person is exposed to HIV. **If you think you may be at risk for HIV/AIDS or want an HIV/AIDS test, please ask for information about other testing facilities. PLEASE DO NOT DONATE AND ARRANGE TO GET AN HIV TEST!**

**What happens when you donate?**
Your blood will be tested for evidence of viruses and other germs that can be transmitted from one person to another through the blood. These include hepatitis B and C, HIV, HTLV, CMV, toxoplasmosis, syphilis, HSV, VZV and Epstein Barr Virus (EBV). If your tests are positive, your child’s physicians and nurses will talk with you about the risks of using your cells as a donation for the patient. In many cases, it will be safe to use your cells even if some of these tests are positive. However, in the majority of circumstances, if the tests for HIV, HTLV or Hepatitis B or C from your blood are positive, your cells will **not** be used.