

E. Directed Donor Criteria

All directed donors must meet all routine donor eligibility criteria without exception. The donor must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health.

Directed donated units are tested per FDA regulations. Donors demonstrating positive test results for infectious disease will be notified by mail and deferred from future donations.



If patient's blood type is:	Donor's blood type must be:
O+	O+ or O-
A+	A+, A-, O+ or O-
B+	B+, B-, O+ or O-
AB+	All blood types accepted
O-	O-
A-	A- or O-
B-	B- or O-
AB-	AB-, A-, B- or AB-

F. Payment Options for Blood Typing

Patients and donors who schedule an appointment at Oak Hills Medical Building may pay by credit card, check or money order.

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G. Scheduling

Directed donor units are collected as follows:

- No more than twelve (12) days prior to the scheduled surgery/transfusion date
- No less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled surgery/ transfusion date.
- Directed platelet donations, no more than five (5) days prior to the surgery/transfusion date.

H. Unit Availability

When a directed donated unit(s) has been successfully collected, the unit(s) will be specifically tagged with the patient's name, all identifying information and the hospital to receive the unit(s). The unit(s) is tracked through processing, testing and delivery cycles to ensure it is available for the patient at the designated hospital. If the patient does not need the directed donated unit(s), the hospital may elect to cross-over the unit to their general inventory.

I. Service Fees

A fee is charged for each collected unit to cover the additional processing and service fees. Directed donations for blood relatives must be irradiated (a safety precaution for possible graft vs. host disease) for which there is an additional charge. These fees are charged to the hospital and are included in the patient's hospital bill.

Even though there are no beneficial medical indications in selecting directed donors, the blood center respects a patient's decision to determine, with their physician's consent, the best option for the his/her transfusion needs.

Directed donation forms are available upon request.



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A. General Information for Directed Donors

A directed donor is an allogeneic donor (a donor other than the patient) who may donate blood or platelets for a specific patient at the request of the patient and his/her physician.

B. Instructions for Physicians

Directed donations must be ordered by the attending physician or surgeon. The directed donation order form may be faxed (210-731-5501) to the Special Collections Department at South Texas Blood & Tissue Center's (STBTC) Oak Hills Medical Building. The orders must include the following:


- Patient's full name and date of birth
- Social security number
- Patient's blood type
- Patient's physician's name & office phone number
- Surgery location (Hospital name & city)
- Intended date of usage
- Requested blood components
- Donor's full name

Directed donations may be collected based on verbal orders by the physician or designee; however written and signed orders must be received before the unit(s) will be released to the hospital. Special Collections may be contacted at 210-731-5537.



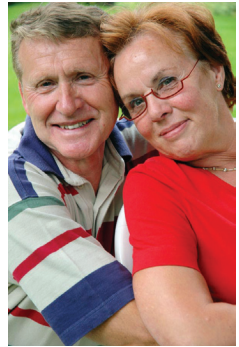
Step-by-Step Instructions for Physicians:

1. The physician writes orders approximately one month prior to surgery for a type and screen on the patient, to be performed at the hospital where the surgery is to be performed.
2. The hospital's blood bank is notified one month prior to surgery by the physician or his/her staff that the patient will have directed donors.
3. Following the patient's type and screen testing, the hospital's blood bank calls STBTC to inform them of the results and gives STBTC the name and social security number of the patient.
4. Donor(s) call Special Collections at 210-731-5537 to make an appointment for the blood donation.
5. If a patient's type and screen has not been performed before a donor comes to donate, STBTC will perform only the blood type for the patient.
6. Infectious disease testing as well as typing will be performed on the donor unit by STBTC. If the unit is compatible, STBTC will send the unit(s) to the hospital approximately 3 days prior to surgery.
7. When the patient is admitted to the hospital, the physician (surgeon) will write an order for another type and screen for the patient.
8. The patient should make certain the surgeon and anesthesiologist know that directed donor units are available (prior to the surgery) in the hospital's blood bank. Please see example of the card below to be given to the surgeon by the patient. Cards may be obtained from STBTC or from your local hospital's blood bank.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	I have donated my own blood for my surgery.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Others have made designated directed blood donations for my surgery.
Name _____	Date of Birth _____

C. Patient Instructions

When the physician determines the number of units needed for the scheduled surgery or medical procedure, using the directed donor list, the patient may specify a list of people's names as possible donors for his/her transfusion needs. The list must be signed by the patient. (If the patient is a minor, a parent or guardian must sign.) The directed donor list must be submitted to the Special Collections Department at Oak Hills Medical Building before directed donors will be accepted.



The patient's blood type must be provided before accepting donors for the patient as the donors must be blood type compatible with the patient. If the patient's blood type is unknown, the following options are available:

- Blood type must be determined by an authorized source, i.e. physician's office, hospital or prior donation with STBTC.
- If an authorized source is not available, the patient must request a physician's order for a blood type and schedule an appointment with the Special Collections Department for a sample to be drawn.

D. Directed Donor Instructions

If the directed donor does not know his/her blood type, the following options are available:

- He/she may schedule an appointment for a blood typing to determine if he/she is blood type compatible with the patient prior to donating a unit of blood. (Special Collections Department: 210-731-5537)
- Or schedule an appointment to donate a unit of blood. Following the donation, the blood type compatibility will be determined. If the directed donor is not blood type compatible, the unit will be released into the blood bank general inventory. →