



TIP SHEET

The Donor Center

50 Years and Counting...

Founded by Dr. Elias Cohen in 1964, The Donor Center at Roswell Park is among the three oldest platelet collection facilities in the country. In addition to its long-standing history, several of our Donor Center staff have been in blood and platelet collections for over 25 years affording donors a high level of expertise, rigorous standards of care as well as compassion and dignity with each donation. Donors are immediately put at ease when they are cared for and monitored by our professional nurses at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Your Help is Needed

Both their disease and treatment can result in blood loss and anemia as well as low platelet counts for cancer patients. A transfusion of red cells or platelets may become necessary to address effects from:

- A compromised ability to produce enough platelets on their own (often as a result of the type of cancer and/or type of treatment)
- Blood loss during surgery
- Anemia
- Chemotherapy drugs and/or radiation treatments

SAVING LIVES IS EASY AND REWARDING

Please consider making any of the following donations to RPCI:

PLATELET

A platelet donation takes about 2 hours, and you may donate every 2 weeks.

WHOLE BLOOD

A whole blood donation takes about 45 minutes, and you may donate whole blood every 56 days.

You

are the only source. There is no substitute for human blood products.

Now

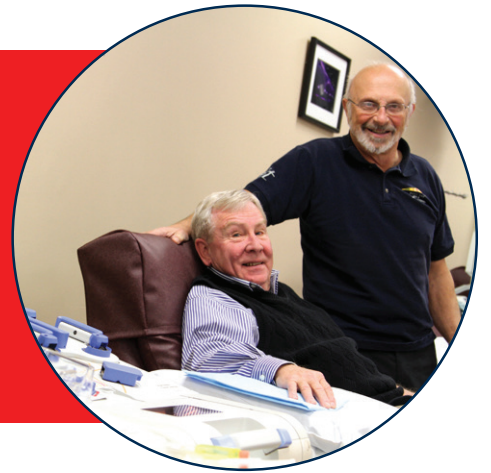
Blood and platelet donations are needed everyday at RPCI!

Why?

Cancer touches everyone. Donating is an excellent way to help!

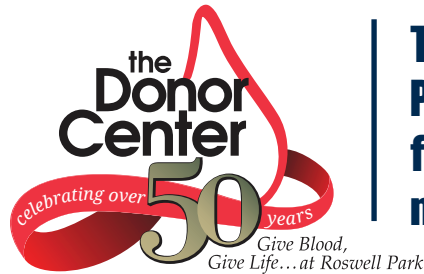
Why Donate at RPCI?

- Donations stay in-house to benefit RPCI patients.
- Friends and family members may direct their donation(s) to a loved one.
- Convenient location within a nationally recognized comprehensive cancer center.



Apheresis (Ay-fur-EE-sis)

the process that separates out one specific blood component, such as platelets, from the blood.



The Donor Center at Roswell Park established one of the first platelet facilities in the nation over 50 years ago.

Donor Criteria

You must be in good general health and:

- At least 17 years old
- Weigh a minimum of 110 pounds
- Not have donated blood in the past 56 days
- Not had a tattoo in the past 12 months
- Have eaten a meal 1 to 2 hours before donation

Location & Contact Info

RPCI's Donor Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Main Hospital with convenient hours including evenings and Saturdays.

Learn more at www.RoswellPark.org/DonorCenter and [Facebook.com/RoswellParkDonorCenter](https://www.facebook.com/RoswellParkDonorCenter)

Call **716-845-8275** or schedule online at **www.theDonorCenterRPCI.com**

