



TIP SHEET

The Donor Center



Celebrating a Fifty Year History

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, The Donor Center is one of the few centers in the country that employs an all nursing staff. Several of our Donor Center nurses 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 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 1.5 to 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.

PLATELETS/RED CELLS

Donating two critical blood components simultaneously can benefit multiple patients. This donation type takes approximately 2 hours and you may donate every 56 days.

You

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

Why?

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

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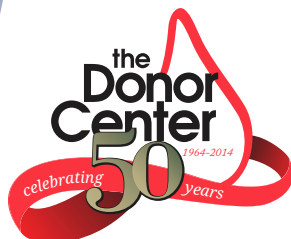
Blood and platelet
donations are needed
everyday at RPCI!

Apheresis (Ay-fur-EE-sis)

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

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.



**The Donor Center at Roswell Park
established one of the first platelet
facilities in the nation 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



Before you make any surgery or treatment decisions, please spend Just One Day With Us. Call 1-877-ASK-RPCI (1-877-275-7724) or visit JustOneDayWithUs.org.