



## OneBlood's Policy Regarding the Ordering and Distribution of COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma ("CCP")

At this time, there is a very high demand for CCP for critically ill patients and an extremely limited supply of CCP donors for these products. For this reason, nearly all of the CCP products are presently manufactured from donors referred for specific patients. This is a process that takes some time and has not allowed us to develop an off-the-shelf inventory as of yet.

As we continue to expand the pool of potential CCP donors, we hope to be in a position to maintain an ABO-compatible CCP inventory in the future. However, we are currently heavily relying on the identification of potential donors from our hospitals, family members, and coordinated groups, as well as OneBlood's marketing efforts.

Given the intense demand and limited supply of CCP, OneBlood is issuing this policy statement to clarify our process for distributing CCP in the following instances:

- CCP donors sent to OneBlood by a hospital or family member/support group for a specific patient.
- CCP donors coming to OneBlood either individually or from a group who do not have a specific patient designated for their donation.

**All CCP requests should be placed like any other hospital blood product order.** The hospital's transfusion service will then place the order in BloodHub, which is the blood product inventory ordering system for OneBlood. Using BloodHub ensures that OneBlood receives the following critical information:

- Blood type of the patient (which is necessary to ensure compatibility)
- FDA eIND number, or Mayo Clinic Expanded Access Protocol (EAP) number

**OneBlood will not release a unit for transfusion without a patient eIND/EAP number. Due to the extremely limited supply of CCP, OneBlood is only able to supply one unit of CCP to each order and unique eIND/EAP number.** BloodHub will date and timestamp each order, and any available inventory that is not directed to a specific patient by the donor will be assigned to BloodHub orders based upon blood type compatibility on a first come, first served basis.

**We will use our best efforts to fulfill every order tied to a referred donation by matching the unit to the patient.** In those instances when a donor donates through a plasmapheresis procedure, we will typically receive multiple doses (2 or more) of CCP from each donor. If we collect through a whole blood donation, we will typically receive 1 dose of CCP. OneBlood cannot determine which type of procedure will be performed or the number of collected products prior to the actual collection. If multiple doses are collected from a donation referred to a specific patient, the distribution criteria are as follows:

- We will use our best efforts to allocate the first dose to the specific patient.
- If there are more requests in the inventory ordering system from the same hospital, we will continue to use our best efforts to allocate additional units from the referred donor to the other compatible patients in the referring hospital's BloodHub queue.

### **Multiple patient eIND/EAP numbers on a Single Referral**

Due to the uncertainty of procedure type prior to collection, OneBlood cannot accept more than one eIND/EAP per donor. If a donor provides more than one eIND/EAP number, processing will be delayed due to the need to contact the donor to clarify this policy and update their record to list one eIND/EAP number.

### **Multiple Donor Referrals for a Single Patient**

If multiple donors are referred and qualified for the same patient eIND/EAP number, the first available compatible unit from that group will go to the identified patient, and all other units will become available for order fulfillment according to the logic set forth above.

**CCP units that are not identified for a specific compatible patient by the time the products are released for distribution will be allocated to the OneBlood CCP general inventory, and request fulfillment will be done on a first come, first served basis.** This fulfillment will be based upon when the request was submitted in BloodHub and blood type compatibility.

We hope this information is helpful. We strongly encourage all of our hospital partners to help identify and send potential CCP donors to our website for registration at [www.oneblood.org/covid19](http://www.oneblood.org/covid19). If the donor is referred for a specific patient, please have them fill in the relevant information during the registration process. If this information is not available at the time of registration, please have them update their registration data when this information is available by calling OneBlood at 1-888-9DONATE. Please be sure to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at [www.oneblood.org/covid19](http://www.oneblood.org/covid19).

We have been one of the first regions of the country to bring up CCP collections. The regulations, requirements and immediate demands that have been imposed upon these products are very different from our standard operating model. Thank you for your patience and support as we work through these challenging times together.