



GUJARAT STATE COUNCIL FOR BLOOD TRANSFUSION

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To
Incharge Blood Bank
As per the list attached

Sub: Collection of Convalescent Plasma for treatment of COVID-19 patients

Dear Sir/Madam,

In view of increasing need for convalescent plasma for COVID-19 treatment across the state of Gujarat, the strengthened steps may be undertaken by the concerned institution/ blood centre.

As we all know that the Convalescent Plasma therapy aims at using antibodies from the blood of a recovered COVID-19 patient to treat those critically affected by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Pursuits may be strengthened to obviate case to case collection and to ensure the availability of sufficient stock of convalescent plasma in all Blood Centers facilitating tertiary level care for COVID-19 patients or having the valid licence for Plasmapheresis (Plasma collection by Apheresis procedure) as per the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules.

Convalescent plasma can be collected either by apheresis method or by separation from 450 ml of whole blood.

The 450 ml whole blood collection and separation of convalescent plasma may be considered if

- Apheresis donor/facility/collection kits are not available
- Donor doesn't have good veins for apheresis
- For maintaining sufficient stock
- For meeting emergencies

You may kindly note that CP therapy has been allowed currently only as an “off-label” use (unapproved indication) of plasma in COVID-19 patients by the, Government of India. (Refer: Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19, Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division) dated 13.06.2020)

ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH.....DONATE BLOOD REGULARLY

Titration of anti-COVID-19 antibodies may be done wherever feasible, if not, those who are previously symptomatic may be considered as eligible donors.

All relevant policies and technical and operational guidelines of central government bodies must be followed.

Since Convalescent plasma is one of the modalities of treatment for COVID-19, issuance of plasma units to any other institution (government or Private) from a convalescent plasma bank may be done on requisition.

Blood Centres having valid licence are hereby requested to go ahead for the collection of Convalescent Plasma in accordance with the licence for the same with regard to the Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 and Rules 1945; and Amendment in Part X B & Part XII B pertains to Blood centre and Blood components of Drugs & Cosmetics Act amended on 11/03/2020 and NACO/NBTC/WHO and other guidelines.

As there are no separate guidelines for processing charge of the collection of Convalescent Plasma, you are requested to levy the processing charge including consumables and reagents cost (like taking for SDP) without any profiteering.



Director
Gujarat State Council for Blood Transfusion
Ahmedabad

Sr. No.	District	Name of the blood bank
1	Ahmedabad	Dept. of IHBT, Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad
2	Ahmedabad	L.G. Hospital Blood Bank, Maninagar
3	Ahmedabad	Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad
4	Ahmedabad	Institute of Kidney Disease & Research Centre, Ahmedabad
5	Ahmedabad	Indian Red Cross Society, Ahmedabad district branch
6	Ahmedabad	Sanjivani Blood Bank (Voluntary) and Apheresis Centre, Paldi
7	Ahmedabad	Prathma Blood centre, Ahmedabad
8	Ahmedabad	Sterling Hospital, Ahmedabad
9	Ahmedabad	Sarvodaya Charitable Trust blood bank, Ahmedabad
10	Ahmedabad	LIONS Blood Bank, Ognaj, Ahmedabad
11	Ahmedabad	M/s. CIMS Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Sola, Ahmedabad
12	Ahmedabad	Narayana Hrudayalaya Ltd., "Narayana Multispeciality Hospital", Ahmedabad
13	Anand	A. D. Gorwala Blood Bank, Karamsad
14	Bhavnagar	Sir T. Hospital, Bhavnagar
15	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar Blood Bank, Bhavnagar
16	Gandhinagar	Apollo Hospital International Ltd., Bhat
17	Jamnagar	G. G. Hospital, Jamnagar
18	Jamnagar	Samved Voluntary Blood Bank & Research centre, Jamnagar
19	Patan	Blood Bank, General Hospital, Siddhpur
20	Rajkot	Life Blood Centre (Formerly known as Rajkot Voluntary Blood Bank),
21	Rajkot	Red Cross Blood Bank, Rajkot
22	Rajkot	Saurashtra Voluntary Blood Bank, Rajkot
23	Surat	New Civil Hospital, Surat
24	Surat	Surat Raktdan Kendra, Surat
25	Surat	SMIMER Hospital, Surat
26	Surat	Lok Samarpan Raktadan Kendra, Surat
27	Surat	Blood Bank, Shree Mahavir Health And Medical Relief Society, Surat
28	Vadodara	SSG Hospital, Vadodara
29	Vadodara	Medical Care Centre Trust, Jalaram Blood Bank, Vadodara
30	Vadodara	Kailash Cancer Hospital, Vadodara
31	Vadodara	Dhiraj General Hospital Blood Bank, Vadodara
32	Vadodara	Indu Voluntary Blood Bank , Vadodara
33	Vadodara	Bhailal Amin General Hospital Blood Bank, Vadodara
34	Vadodara	Blood Bank, Parul Sevashram Hospital, Waghodiya
35	Vadodara	Ayush Blood Center, Vadodara
36	Valsad	Valsad Raktdan Kendra