




Giving Convalescent Plasma

Information
for those with
positive Covid-19
antibody results



As someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 antibodies, you are in a unique position to help others still suffering from the virus – and those who become infected in the future.

What's special about me?

Not everyone who contracts Covid-19 develops antibodies, but those who do produce them in their plasma (the fluid part of blood). If you have tested positive for Covid-19 antibodies, your plasma can be used to treat others now and in the future.

It also means you are eligible to give plasma-only donations, which can produce twice as many Convalescent Plasma treatments for Covid-19 patients than whole blood donations. Plasma-only donors are also able to give more frequently than whole blood donors, again meaning increased ability to treat Covid-19 patients.

We may ask our female donors to give a whole blood donation first before moving to plasma-only donation to allow us to test for antibodies to white blood cells.

Are there any other criteria for giving Convalescent Plasma?

Convalescent Plasma donors must:

- have been symptom-free from the illness for at least 28 days
- be aged between 17 and 65 years old (for first time blood donors) or 17 and 69 years (regular blood donors)
- meet the usual eligibility criteria for blood donation.

These criteria are in place to make sure both donors and patients receiving Convalescent Plasma stay safe.

Visit www.scotblood.co.uk and take our quick quiz to find out if you're eligible to donate. If you were born or have lived abroad in a malarial area you may need additional testing before donating.

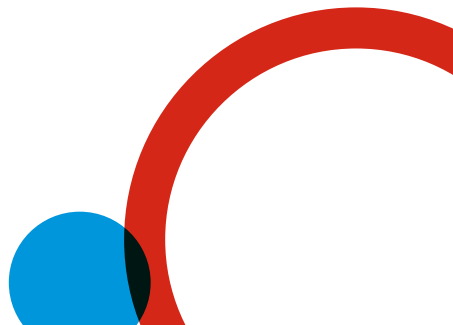
How would I make an appointment?

It's easy – just phone us on 0345 90 90 999, and tell us you have positive Covid-19 antibodies and you want to donate Convalescent Plasma.

The staff member will ask you some questions to work out whether you're eligible to donate or not. If you are, they'll pass you to a medic who will go into Convalescent Plasma donation in more detail, and book you into a session to donate either plasma-only or whole blood.

Where can I find out more?

For the latest and most up to date information on donating Convalescent Plasma in Scotland, visit our live document at www.scotblood.co.uk/news/find-out-more-about-convalescent-plasma-donation



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