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Cord Blood Banking Policy

Your baby's cord blood has stem cells in it which can be used to treat a number of different blood diseases, including leukemia, lymphoma, other blood cancers, inherited anemias, bone marrow failure after chemotherapy. The chance of your baby developing one of these diseases is 1/700 in their lifetime (if there is no history of these diseases in your family). There is also research on many other diseases that may someday be treated with stem cells; these areas of research include diabetes, Alzheimer's, stroke, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and many others.

The Women's Group of Northwestern physicians will provide assistance to patients in obtaining samples for cord blood donation, if the clinical situation permits. The patient is responsible for providing the kit and notifying our physicians by 36 weeks concerning the desire for cord blood banking. Our fee for this service is \$210.00 which must be paid prior to delivery. Some insurance companies will cover such services and others do not. We will be glad to provide you with the procedure code so that you can submit a claim to your insurance for reimbursement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our business office representatives.

Cord Blood Information:

CryoCell	www.cryo-cell.com	800.786.7235
Family Banking: Via Cord	www.viacord.com	866.835.0968
Family Banking: Cord Blood Registry	www.cordblood.com	888.704.1925

- I have decided to have cord blood banking. I will provide the kit and inform my physician. I am returning this form with my \$210.00.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Patient Account Number