

Introduction to Michigan Blood



Founded in 1955, Michigan Blood is an independent, nonprofit community service organization that is the blood provider of choice for more than 60 hospitals across Michigan. Michigan Blood is committed to serving the needs of Michigan hospitals and patients first. An active member of America's Blood Centers and Blood Centers of America, Michigan Blood is connected to a network of community blood centers across North America. Michigan Blood is also an affiliate of Versiti and works with Heartland Blood Centers, Indiana Blood Centers, and BloodCenter of Wisconsin to provide a vast offering of blood components and services to hospital partners in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Credentials

- Licensed by U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
- Licensed by Michigan Department of Community Health
- Accredited by AABB (formerly American Association of Blood Banks) and American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI)
- Certified by Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)
- Outstanding quality and safety record

Mission

Helping people make a lifesaving difference through blood products and service excellence.

Vision

By 2018, Michigan Blood will be the biggest and best provider of blood components and services in Michigan.

Core Values

These five values guide Michigan Blood:

- Safety
- Stewardship
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Service

Services

Blood Storage and Distribution: Provides blood components for hospitals statewide from multiple distribution centers throughout Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Laboratory Services: Central laboratory in Grand Rapids provides blood typing, testing, component separation, as well as IRL, DNA, HLA, cord blood, and stem cell labs.

Medical/Clinical Consultations: Medical Director and Associate Medical Director, plus Laboratory and Donor Services staff, are available to consult with donors, hospital personnel, and physicians.

Marrow/Stem Cell Donor Registry: Operates a regional partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program's (NMDP) Be The Match® Registry and was recently one of three programs awarded Tier 1 status by the NMDP, plus supportive services for Registry donors, recipients, and families.

Stem Cell/Cord Blood Bank: Michigan's first Cord Blood Bank. One of 24 public facilities in the U.S. No charge to donate, and cords are listed with the NMDP and on an international registry.

Blood Collection: Allogeneic donations accepted at all sites; autologous and directed donation, apheresis donation, and therapeutic apheresis at selected sites.

Mobile Blood Drives: Organizes 3,700 drives with individual sponsors (businesses, schools, churches, other organizations), plus community-wide blood drives in many areas.