



Platelet Donation

Stand up and be counted...

Take the test and become a platelet donor

Thank you for registering your interest

Who can donate?

- If you are in general good health and weigh over 50kg.
- Are aged between 17 to 65 (if never donated before).
- Or 17-70 if donated before.
- Or from 17 upwards if you have donated within the last 2 years.

As the demand for and usage of platelets is increasing, we need more donors from various blood groups to help us supply the correct platelets to our local hospitals. However we ALWAYS need more donors from Groups A negative and AB negative as their donations can be given to patients with blood groups other than their own.

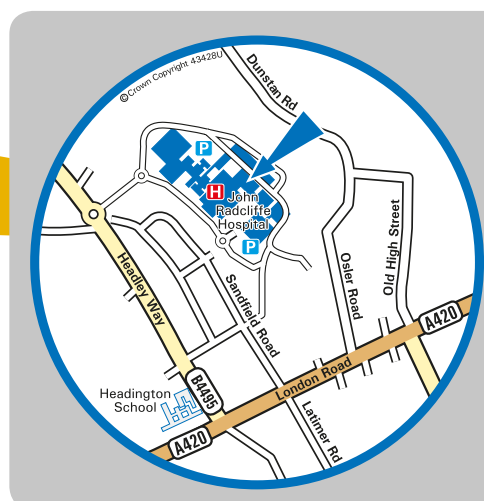
...so, what's the next step?

Hopefully the website has explained to you about the urgency and importance for our search for more new platelet donors. Plus you understand the location and eligibility of people who can donate. If we have your contact details, a member of staff from your local donor centre will get in touch and arrange a visit to see if platelet donation is right for you. If not – please call the centre to arrange a visit on the number below.

- You will need to have your veins assessed and give a small sample of blood to determine if you have a sufficient platelet count – this will take no longer than 10 minutes.

We look forward to welcoming you as a donor, whether it is giving platelets or whole blood – both of which are equally valued and needed to help to save lives.

How to get there



Your local platelet donor centre

Oxford Donor Centre
John Radcliffe Hospital
Headington
Oxford OX3 9BQ

To find out our opening hours and the best time to drop in please call us on

 01865 387 939

For further information, go to
blood.co.uk/platelets

Things to know before you go

Will aspirin affect my platelet donation?

Yes - you cannot donate platelets if you have taken aspirin, aspirin-containing medications or piroxicam in the last 5 days or if nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Ibuprofen, have been taken in the last 48 hours. This is because these drugs affect the potency and performance of your platelets.

Can I access my platelet donation centre easily?

Please familiarise yourself with where the centre is situated, as we can only take platelet donations at our dedicated sites. If you need more information about where to park, or catch public transport, please ask one of our members of staff who will be happy to assist you.

What is my commitment?

Platelet donors can donate more often than blood donors, we would hope that if you are suitable, that you could manage to donate around once per month. Donation takes around 90 minutes plus your health check, so plenty of time for you to sit back, relax and enjoy some time for yourself by reading a book or paper, watching some TV or a DVD or take advantage of our wifi facilities. When else might you allow your self the opportunity to put your feet up and save lives at the same time?

We look forward to seeing you soon

