Blood Donations

Dear NICU family members and friends,

The physicians and staff members of South Miami Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit would like to encourage you to provide designated donations of red blood cells for your loved ones. Blood may be donated at OneBlood, the main blood supplier for all Baptist Health hospitals. Designated donor units are sent directly to South Miami Hospital upon completion of all testing, which takes about three days. Units that are ABO/Rh compatible are saved for the intended patient and their use is prioritized over any stock units available in Transfusion Services. Designated units that are not ABO/Rh compatible with the intended patient will be placed into stock to be used by other South Miami Hospital patients in need of transfusion. Whenever possible, it’s best to have a family member or friend coordinate these donations so that units are available over the duration of the patient’s hospitalization. You may speak to NICU staff or Transfusion Service staff for assistance.

To schedule an appointment, please contact OneBlood at 800-357-4483. There are centers located throughout Miami Dade and Broward counties.

When you donate, please bring this letter to the OneBlood staff and have available the following information:

- Patient’s name (as it appears on the baby’s identification bracelet)
- Date of birth
- Hospital name
- Potential date of need

Instructions for OneBlood:

South Miami Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Transfusion Services require that the following be performed on all units donated:

- Leukocyte reduction
- Irradiation

Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used for one of our patients, if not by the intended patient.