

Stem Cell Collection from Cord Blood

Yarmouth Regional Hospital

The health care team at Yarmouth Regional Hospital is happy to help with collecting stem cell samples. Please ask a member of your health care team if you have any questions. Many companies offer this service. Choosing a company is a personal decision. Be sure to research the costs and services available from each company before you decide. **Nova Scotia Health will not recommend which company to choose.**

Things you need to know:

- You must sign a disclaimer form before the health care team can help with stem cell collection. Nova Scotia Health is not responsible for the cost of the kit if we cannot get a cord blood sample because of:
 - › the condition of the person giving birth.
 - › a mistake during the sample collection process.
 - › the condition of the baby.
- You must choose a representative (like a family member or your support person) who will be responsible for all of the paperwork, packaging, and shipping details. **This cannot be done by your health care team.**
- Most companies need a blood sample from the person who will be giving birth. If this sample is taken at a time other than with your regular blood work, you may be charged a fee by Laboratory Services.
- The doctor will collect the cord blood sample. Please make sure the doctor knows that you want a stem cell sample collected before collection.
- We will try our best to collect the sample, but the safety of you and your baby is most important. **If the doctor cannot collect a sample for any reason, other members of your health care team cannot do so.**

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