

Stem Cell Collection from Your Baby's Cord Blood

Yarmouth Regional Hospital

- Your health care team at Yarmouth Regional Hospital is happy to help with collecting stem cell samples from your baby's cord blood. Please ask a member of your health care team if you have any questions.
- Many companies sell collection kits. Choosing the right company is a personal decision. Make sure you 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 your health care team can help with collecting cord blood samples.
- The disclaimer states that Nova Scotia Health is not responsible for the cost of the collection kit if we cannot get a good sample because of:
 - › The health condition of the person giving birth
 - › The health condition of the baby
 - › A mistake during the sample collection process
- You must choose a person (like a family member or your support person) who will be responsible for all of the sample forms, packaging, and shipping details. **This cannot be done by your health care team.**

- Most companies also need a blood sample from the person who will be giving birth. If this sample is taken at a different time from your regular blood work, you may be charged a fee by Laboratory Services.
- The doctor will collect a cord blood sample. Please make sure the doctor knows that you want stem cells collected before they collect the sample.
- We will try our best to collect a cord blood sample, but the safety of you and your baby is most important. **If the doctor cannot collect a cord blood sample for any reason, other members of your health care team cannot do so.**

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