

Rock River Valley
BLOOD CENTER
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Rock River Valley Blood Center Earns AABB Accreditation

The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) has been granted accreditation by AABB, according to Roger Hilbert, MD, Medical Director at RRVBC.

Accreditation follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained AABB assessors and establishes that the level of technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by AABB. By successfully meeting those requirements, RRVBC joins similar facilities across the United States and around the world that also have earned AABB Accreditation.

“The AABB’s Accreditation procedures are voluntary,” Hilbert explained. “RRVBC has sought AABB Accreditation because this program assists facilities around the world in achieving excellence by promoting a level of professional and technical expertise that contributes to quality performance and patient safety.” RRVBC has been a member of AABB since it was established as a community blood center in 1952. RRVBC has received accreditation since AABB began this process in 1958.

AABB’s Accreditation Program contributes to the quality and safety of collecting, processing, testing, distributing and administering blood and cellular therapy products. The Accreditation Program assesses the quality and operational systems in place within a facility. The basis for assessment is compliance with AABB standards, *Code of Federal Regulations* and other federal guidance documents.

Donating blood is safe and simple. You are most likely able to donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate in Illinois with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health. Persons taking medications are not necessarily disqualified.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center serves as a centralized, community blood center and is the sole provider of blood products and services to Beloit Memorial Hospital, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, Freeport Health Network, Mercy Harvard Hospital, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rochelle Community Hospital, Rockford Health System, SwedishAmerican Health System and SwedishAmerican Medical Center—Belvidere. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, please call toll free 877-RRVBC-99 or find RRVBC on the web at www.rrvbc.org.

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