



Therapeutic Blood Donor Eligibility

Introduction:

Rock River Valley Blood Center accepts Hereditary Hemochromatosis (HH) patients and Polycythemia secondary to Testosterone Treatment (TT) patients as volunteer blood donors and uses their blood for transfusion. A guidance issued by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allows donors with HH and TT to donate under the same circumstances as any other volunteer blood donor, except that they may be permitted to donate more frequently than every 56 days.

Other Reasons for Therapeutic Phlebotomy

As a service to our community, the Rock River Valley Blood Center offers blood draws for patients with medical conditions other than HH or TT that require therapeutic phlebotomy as per their physician's instructions. To enroll in the therapeutic phlebotomy program, a doctor's order is mandatory, and a \$200 fee will be charged at each collection to cover service costs. Payments are required prior to phlebotomy and only credit and debit cards are accepted. Patients are responsible to submit for reimbursement from their insurance provider. Appointments are necessary for all therapeutic collections; walk-ins are not accommodated.

Contact the Rock River Valley Blood Center

We will provide the special form that is required to be filled out by your physician, upon request. The form is also available on our website: <https://www.rrvbc.org/donate/>. Contact RRVBC at 815-965-8751 to schedule your appointment.