

### Information regarding Donation of Umbilical Cord Blood

As you are aware, several private companies offer storage of umbilical cord blood for potential future use. Details regarding the various services these companies provide have been supplied to you during the course of your prenatal visits.

If you have decided against banking umbilical cord blood cells, you may be interested in donating these cells. Donated cells may be utilized for potentially life-saving interventions in other patients or by scientists conducting research into other possible therapeutic uses. Note that donated umbilical cord blood CANNOT be retrieved for future use by the donating individual – this can only be done with privately banked cells.

Currently, the only organization that allows for the donation of umbilical cord blood is LifebankUSA, one of the companies which specializes in banking such cells. LifebankUSA will not charge any fees for this donation – and, additionally, no collection fees will be charged by this office.

If you are interested in donating umbilical cord blood, please call LifebankUSA directly at 877-543-3226. Because additional specific information is required, donation cannot be arranged via the LifebankUSA website.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to ask one of the providers or staff.