



## Having the Discussion about Donating Convalescent Plasma

*Follow up calls with recovered COVID-19 patients, after discharge*

### **Background:**

- Your hospital is one of the top users of COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CCP) for treating COVID-19 patients. The plasma from recovered individuals contains antibodies to COVID-19 and hospitals are ordering CCP for their patients at a faster rate than Carter BloodCare can collect the plasma to make it available.
- We're asking for your assistance in identifying and informing the recovered COVID-19 patients of this opportunity for which they are uniquely suited to help.
- Antibody levels decrease over time and recovered patients cannot donate plasma for an extended period that exceeds approximately three months. The timing of recruiting a newly recovered patient for convalescent plasma is decidedly important. Currently, the number of donors *exiting* the program exceeds the number of new ones signing up and coming to donate.
- If you have a routine way in which you follow up with patients after discharge, Carter BloodCare is providing the information below in hopes that you can use it to guide a conversation about donating convalescent plasma.

### **Suggested Talking Points:**

**(After you conduct the conversation about their medical condition and how they feel.)**

1. I want to make you aware of a unique way that you can help other patients who are still hospitalized with COVID-19. Have you heard about convalescent plasma? (It is the plasma collected from the blood of individuals who are recovered from COVID-19. Because you had the disease, your plasma contains antibodies to the disease. A plasma transfusion with these antibodies could help treat a current patient.)
2. Are you interested in donating your convalescent plasma? (Have complete resolution of COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days and [Meet the regular blood donation guidelines](#).)
3. The local blood center, Carter BloodCare is collecting the convalescent plasma for area hospitals. You can make an appointment through them.

You can make your appointment five ways:

- **Call** 817-412-5830.

- **Text** 800-366-2834.
- **Email** [ConvalescentPlasma@CarterBloodCare.org](mailto:ConvalescentPlasma@CarterBloodCare.org).
- [Self-schedule online](#).
- Walk in to [specific donor center locations](#), listed on our website. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are accepted.