



CAPE COD HEALTHCARE
Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center

Platelet Donors Needed!

Dear Blood Donor,

Thank you for coming out to the blood drive today and for your support of the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center. Did you know that Cape Cod Healthcare also has a Platelet donation program? Platelet donations are used to support the needs of our Cardiology, Oncology and other patients where platelet transfusions are a vital part of the treatment regimen for these patients. Cape Cod Healthcare needs approximately 800 units of platelets each year to support these patients. Platelets only have a shelf life of 7 days so they are constantly needed.

If you are interested in becoming a platelet donor, please inform your phlebotomist and they will collect the necessary tubes to determine your eligibility. If your platelet count is $>150,000$, you may be eligible to donate platelets. For female donors, an HLA test will need to be performed as well. This also involves collecting a tube of blood for testing.

All blood types are welcome for platelet donations, especially AB. AB blood donors are often asked to become platelet donors. Why? It's because platelet donations from AB donors are more compatible with other blood types and can be transfused to a greater number of patients in need.

Please consider becoming a Platelet donor. For more information on our platelet program, please ask one of our staff today or call our blood donor center at 508-862-5663. THANK YOU!

