



TITLE: AUTOLOGOUS AND DIRECTED DONOR DONATIONS

NEW LONDON HOSPITAL POLICY:

A decision regarding autologous blood or plasma donation or directed donor donation is made between each patient and their physician. New London Hospital does **NOT** draw patients for autologous or directed donor units.

WHO DRAWS AUTOLOGOUS AND DIRECTED DONOR UNITS?

The American Red Cross draws all autologous and directed donor units. Each autologous or directed donor unit drawn is acceptable in all blood banks should a change in location of surgery occur. FDA and HHS require autologous units to have the same testing as other homologous donor units.

ARC POLICY:

All autologous or directed donors must contact the American Red Cross for pre assessment to determine if they meet general guidelines for becoming a donor and to schedule an appointment to donate.

To order these services, call American Red Cross (ARC) Special Collections at (781) 461-2275.

For Autologous Donation Sites in NH contact ARC #800-262-2660.

There is a significant charge to donors. This fee is collected from the recipient before the first donation. The fee covers the logistics and paperwork involved in directed or autologous donations.

There are additional processing fees once the units are shipped to the transfusing facility. The recipient will be responsible for these fees whether or not the units are transfused, as they cannot go into the homologous blood supply.