

## SPECIAL NOTICE

IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO FAST BEFORE GIVING BLOOD. EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THAT THIS REGULATION COULD BE MODIFIED. DONORS MAY NOW EAT A NORMAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER. JUST TRY TO AVOID HEAVY FATS LIKE PORK, SALAD DRESSING, CREAM, ICE CREAM, CHOCOLATES, AND NUTS.

### YOUR BLOOD - ITS MAGIC

The blood flowing in your veins is today's most amazing medicine. It has become a miracle-worker newer than penicillin. This blood, and medicines made from blood-save countless lives each year. If you were to visit a hospital in your community, this is what you might see: A surgeon, during a delicate brain operation packs a soft, white spongy mass into the wound. It quickly stops the bleeding and he leaves it there. The patient's body will later digest and absorb it, for this spong - fibrin foam-is made of human blood. Near the end of the operation, the doctor covers the exposed brain with a transparent plastic film that looks like cellophane. This strange plastic, made of blood, will stay safely until the body manufactures a new covering.

In the accident ward, a quick injection of clear liquid, human serum albumin, made from blood, saves a man dying from shock.

In the Delivery Room an anemic newborn baby is being given a complete new blood supply to halt a possibly fatal battle caused by RH anti-bodies in his veins.

Over in the children's ward, two youngsters with rheumatic fever receive injections made from blood, to save them from

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a serious bout of measles. A boy with hemophilia, the bleeding disease, comes in for a dose of still another product. The boy, who could die from prolonged bleeding even from just a simple nail scratch, will soon have a perfectly safe operation to remove diseased teeth.

In a ward bed in another part of the hospital an elderly man gets the first of a series of blood transfusions. Within two days he will receive twelve pints of blood-about as much as you have in your body. This tremendous amount will pull him through a dangerous operation. Fifteen years ago this man might have died for lack of blood.

All these lives were saved because people like you donated blood to be used when needed, in time of illness or accidental injury.

Remember, blood cannot be made synthetically. The only source of supply is the Blood Bank of human veins. To save a life, this blood must come from you.

I am sure there are those of you who will wonder about our choice of Inter-County Blood Bank instead of Red Cross Blood Bank.

American Red Cross

Inter-County

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| 1- | All blood not used is lost to <b>your</b> blood banks at the end of each year.  | 1- | All blood not used is credited to our account from year to year-we lose none.  |
| 2- | We would not be permitted to release our blood to other individuals or organizations..  | 2- | We may release as much blood as we please to any individual or organization.   |
| 3- | One-third of all blood collected is deducted for use of our armed forces.   | 3- | We are credited with all blood donated. We may release as much blood as we please to any Government Agency.  |
| 4- | Patients who receive blood from a "two for one" hospital may only receive credit on a "one for one" basis. They either have to pay for the second pint at the rate of \$35 per pint, or else provide a donor. | 4- | We may release all the blood, even in "two for one" hospitals. This results in great saving of money, time and the patient's family is spared the necessity of scouting around for donors. |
| 5- | No statement of credit standing is ever issued.   | 5- | Each month Inter-County will mail us a statement of credit status so we always know exactly how much blood we have in our "BANK".  |

THE INTER-COUNTY BLOOD BANKS, INC.  
88-16 152nd Street, Jamaica, N. Y.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE INTER-COUNTY BLOOD BANKS, INC.

The Inter-County Blood Banks, Inc. is a non-profit community blood bank and is endorsed by the Medical Societies of New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties of New York State. The Blood Bank operates under licenses issued by the National Institute of Health, Washington, D.C., the State of New York and the City of New York.

The Inter-County Blood Banks does no advertising; although it is a community blood bank, Inter-County makes no fund drives nor does it EVER make any financial charges of any kind at any time to our affiliated organizations.

The Inter-County Blood Banks opened its doors on November 1, 1942 and its motto is, and has always been:-

"BLOOD MUST BE WAITING FOR THE PATIENT  
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Blood immediately available to the patient means blood IN THE HOSPITAL where it is needed, within reach of the doctor's hand! To live up to that motto, Inter-County maintains, large, well-balanced stocks of blood of all types and RH factors in each of the forty-one hospitals using our service. Deliveries of blood are made each day to replenish the stock in the types requested by each hospital. Emergency or "STAT" calls are answered immediately with all blood requested. Since blood may be given to a patient for only twenty one days after it has been drawn from a donor, the supply of blood to hospitals must be constantly replenished.

A large percentage of all blood received by Inter-County is given, without charge to indigent patients. Weekly shipments of blood are contributed, free of cost to the Department of Laboratories, New York State, Albany, N.Y. for fractionation into Gamma Globulin and other blood derivatives. The distribution of these blood derivatives is made by the New York State Department of Health to the public without charge.

There are no "hidden gimmicks" in the Inter-County Blood program. It is, and it does just what is stated, for the members of its close to fifteen hundred religious, industrial, social, fraternal, patriotic, etc. affiliated organizations and for the communities of Long Island and Brooklyn.

HOW DOES INTER-COUNTY MEET ITS EXPENSES?

A blood bank must be solvent both in donors and in cash. When patients do NOT have blood credits, they may be requested to make cash deposits which will be refunded when replacement is made. The expenses of this blood bank are met by those patients who make financial deposits for blood used but who fail to replace the blood either by personal donors or by donor credit from one of our affiliated organizations.



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HOW TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT WITH INTER-COUNTY

When the membership of your organization decides to open an account with Inter-County, a letter should be sent to this office stating the official name of the organization and listing the names, addresses and phone numbers (both business and home) of the elected or appointed Chairman and Co-Chairman. You may designate as many Co-Chairman as you wish in order to be sure that there will ALWAYS be someone whom your members can contact. Upon receipt of your letter the account will be opened and all Donor Centers so notified.

THE ORGANIZATIONS MAY FURNISH DONORS FOR THEIR ACCOUNTS AS FOLLOWS:

The Inter-County Blood Banks provides, without charge, a Mobile Unit Service which can take from 75 to 350 or more donors at a time and place specified by your organization. Six to eight months notice is usually required to obtain Mobile Unit Service. Many of our Organizations schedule their Mobile Units one full year ahead, knowing from experience that the dates they wish may not be available unless selected far in advance. Our Mobile Unit consists of vehicular transportation which carries personnel, equipment and supplies to the site of the Donor Session. There the equipment is moved inside the pre-designated building and set up. The unit requires approximately 2500 Square feet of cleared floor space. The Donor Organization is requested to provide all food and refreshments required for the donor applicants.

If the membership of the organization is not large enough to furnish the required minimum of seventy-five donor applicants, donors may go to any of the Inter-County Donor Centers listed on the enclosed pink sheet; or this office may be able to arrange a "Combined Unit" with another of Inter-County's organizations in your geographical area. In any case, each donor applicant will state, "I am donating for (name of organization)." If more than five donors are sent to any one donor center at the same time please notify the main bank at JA 6-4226 at least one week in advance to avoid delay for your donors.

Whether donors go to Donor Centers or donate at a Mobile Unit, each applicant will receive a physical examination. When an applicant passes this physical examination he or she may then donate one pint of blood which will be credited to the organization's account.

Within 48 hours (exclusive of week-ends) the Chairman of each organization will receive, by mail, an Honor Roll Donor Card for each accepted donor who is donating for the first time to the organization. The Chairman should distribute these cards to the donors. Each month in which there is any activity in your account (donors, rejected donors, or releases of blood for patients) a detailed statement showing your present blood bank credit balance will be sent to the chairman.

## How to Open an Account with Inter-County cont.

There are no written contracts between Inter-County and the Organizations it supports. In many respects the Inter-County Blood Banks operates on the same principles which guide a financial institution:-

1. Inter-County guarantees that every bottle of blood donated by an organization will be credited to that organization.
2. No minimum or maximum balance is required. One DOLLAR will open an account in a savings bank. ONE PINT OF BLOOD will open your account with Inter-County...and your credit is good at Inter-County.
3. All blood deposits remain the property of the organization until used. They can never be appropriated or expired...no matter how many years they remain unused.
4. Inter-County does NOT tell its organizations WHEN OR HOW MUCH blood they must donate. That is left entirely to the discretion of the organization. Your members may donate if, as and when they wish. Naturally, the more donor credit an organization has, the more fully its members needing blood can be covered.
5. Inter-County does not in any way, attempt to supervise or control the manner in which the donor organization disposes of its donor credits. The organization ONLY can decide WHO shall be entitled to blood and HOW MUCH any member will be entitled to receive.
6. The Inter-County Blood Banks, as a member of the American Association of Blood Banks (a nation-wide organization) can take care of all the blood requirements of each member of your organization anywhere in the United States.

NOTE: ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH BELIEVES THAT A BLOOD BANK, OPERATED UNDER THE SAME POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS AS THOSE ESTABLISHED BY THE RED CROSS WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO ITS MEMBERS MAY HAVE THAT RED CROSS PLAN WITH INTER-COUNTY!

WHO CAN GIVE BLOOD

Anyone between the ages of 21 and 59 who is in good health. (Donors between the ages of 18 and 21 will be accepted if they have parent's or guardian's consent in writing.)

Donors may eat a normal breakfast, lunch or dinner. Just try to avoid heavy fats like pork, salad dressing or cream.

HOW TO GET BLOOD OUT OF YOUR ACCOUNT

The laboratory and delivery department of Inter-County are open 24 hours EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR as they have been since November 1, 1942.

Pick up the telephone, call INTER-COUNTY ( Jamaica 6-4226) ask for the Credit Department: identify your organization, and yourself as Chairman or Co-Chairman and give the following information:-

NAME OF PATIENT (use given name... Mrs. Mary Jones)  
 NAME AND LOCATION OF HOSPITAL  
 NUMBER OF PINTS OF BLOOD YOU WISH TO AUTHORIZE FOR PATIENT

Inter-County will carry out the instructions given by the Chairman or Co-Chairman of the organization.

DCNCR CREDITS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS

For each one of the first five transfusions given to any ONE INDIVIDUAL patient, two (2) donors would be deducted. For the sixth and each succeeding transfusion of whole blood given to any one patient only one (1) donor would be deducted. FOR EXAMPLE:- If patient John Doe received one transfusion - two donors would be deducted; if John Doe receives twenty (20) transfusions of whole blood a TOTAL of twenty-five (25) donors would be deducted...ten donors for the first five transfusions and one donor for each of the fifteen additional transfusions of whole blood.

It would make no difference HOW MANY hospitals John Doe had been in, nor where those hospitals were located. After having had five transfusions of INTER-COUNTY blood, John Doe would remain on a straight one-for-one basis for each transfusion of whole blood.

NOTE: In the example given above, it has been assumed that John Doe, a member of your organization, has been given credit for twenty transfusions by your Chairman.

IN ALL CASES, THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE CHARGED ONLY FOR BLOOD ACTUALLY USED BY THE PATIENT OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

Since blood is only good for twenty one days after it has been drawn, this method of deducting donor credits is the only way in which Inter-County can continue to constantly replenish the blood supplies needed in hospitals and to furnish blood to indigents, victims of blood disease, disaster, etc. and to guarantee that all unused donor credits will remain to the credit of each organization INDEFINITELY until used.

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