

## **PATIENT SELECTION OF PLATELET PHERESIS DONORS**

### **I. REQUEST FOR PHERESIS COMPONENTS:**

All requests for components must be made through the hospital transfusion service. Once MEDIC has the request from the transfusion service, the patient selected donor may call MEDIC at (865) 524-3074, Ext. 684, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, to schedule an appointment.

### **II. DIRECTED DONOR REQUEST:**

A. Patient does not need a DIRECTED DONOR REQUEST; this request is for RED BLOOD CELLS only.

#### **B. NEW DONOR GIVING DIRECTED PLATELET:**

Because of the critical need for pheresis components, we must prescreen the donor and draw a sample for pretesting before we will schedule an appointment for a new donor to be pheresed.

#### **C. CURRENT MEDIC DONOR GIVING DIRECTED PLATELET:**

If the donor has donated a unit to MEDIC within the past 6 months with no problems, prescreening and pretesting is not necessary. The donor's deferral date will need to be checked to see if they are eligible.