

DIRECTED DONATION

Directed Donation = A patient's family member or acquaintance donates a unit intended for the specific patient.

I. DIRECTED DONATION REQUEST FORM:

- A. Physician complete and sign Physician's Order section.
- B. Patient read, complete and sign Patient Information and Request section.
- C. Patient take request to Blood Bank at the hospital where they will receive the blood. The Blood Bank will collect a blood sample for screening and fill in these results in the Hospital Transfusion Service section.
- D. Call MEDIC between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday-Friday and make appointment for donor(s) if a pheresis collection is involved.
- E. MEDIC must have the completed request form before any donor(s) will be collected. The form must be brought to MEDIC or a copy may be faxed to MEDIC (865-521-2644) from the hospital.

NOTE: *If patient changes physician, a new Directed Donation Request must be generated by the new physician. The original physician must release the unit and the new form be completely filled out and brought to MEDIC. A transfer will be necessary if the intended hospital for transfusion changes.*

II. DIRECTED DONATION GUIDELINES:

- A. All donor units must be drawn at least 1 week prior to the expected transfusion date. Blood cannot be processed for same or next day use.
- B. Donors must meet all donor eligibility requirements established by MEDIC Regional Blood Center and those set forth by the State of Tennessee, federal government and the AABB.
- C. MEDIC will collect and process the donation. The unit will then be transferred to the hospital where the transfusion will occur.
- D. **MEDIC will not notify patient or patient representative if units are not suitable.** However, MEDIC will notify the transfusion service regarding the suitability of each donation.
- E. A blood service procedure fee will be charged for each unit.