

## **Cord Blood Banking**

Cord blood banking (CBB) is something we will discuss with you during your pregnancy. There are many reasons people choose cord blood banking. Our staff will be happy to discuss the pros and cons of banking to help you decide if CBB is the right decision for you.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) offer important facts for you to understand regarding CBB:

- CBB is not part of your routine obstetrical care and is not medically mandated.
- Many people view CBB as an “insurance policy” for peace of mind. This is based on research which is continuing to discover certain diseases may be treated with stored CBB from delivery. However, ACOG does not recommend routinely storing CBB solely as an “insurance policy” against future diseases.

For those that choose to take part in CBB, regardless of the reason, you will have to make your own arrangements with the company of your choice. Below are links that will help direct you to the list of companies available.

### **National Marrow Donor Program**

Provides review of umbilical cord blood banking options, including a summary of the donation process, eligibility requirements, and state-by-state lists of public banks

Web site: <http://www.marrow.org/>

### **Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation**

Provides a comprehensive overview of umbilical cord blood and banking options

Web site: <http://www.parentsguidecordblood.org>

### **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

Includes basic information about options for umbilical cord blood banking and links to additional resources for public, private, and Related Donor Cord Blood Program banking

Web site: <http://bloodcell.transplant.hrsa.gov/CORD>