


Give the Generous Gift of Life

Placenta Donation

Frequently Asked Questions



What is a placenta?

The placenta develops during your pregnancy. It connects to your baby through the umbilical cord. This is how your baby receives oxygen and nutrients. This will help it grow during pregnancy. Once your baby is born, the placenta has done its job. It is no longer needed by you or your baby.

Why should you donate your placenta after your baby is born?

First, your placenta helped your baby. Now, it can help others. Many pregnant moms do not realize that they can donate their placenta. Doing this can help medical research after their baby is born. Through the kindness of pregnant women, LifeNet Health can use the placenta for research. It can also give hope to others by helping in the healing of damaged tissues. This becomes a wonderful gift to others. There is no cost to you.

How will the placenta be used if I donate it?

When you donate your placenta, it can be used in many ways including:

- For research to better understand diseases and how to treat them.
- To improve new treatments for medical conditions.
- To create medicine for personalized cancer treatments.
- For many surgical procedures.
- To help heal patients with burns or wounds that will not heal.

Is there a cost associated with being a donor?

No, there is no cost to you, your family or your insurance if you donate your placenta. All expenses related to donation are paid for by LifeNet Health. There is no money given for the gift of donation. This is a program for those who want to donate their placentas.



How does the process work?

You will be asked if you would like to donate or dispose of your placenta. If you'd like to donate, you will either read and sign a consent form or speak to someone on the phone to give your permission. This will allow blood to be drawn and tested. This will also allow LifeNet Health to review, make copies, and keep portions of your medical record. Medical records are kept strictly private. You will also complete a questionnaire during a short, private interview.


On the day of your delivery, a blood sample will be taken during the routine blood draw.

After your delivery, nothing more is required from you. You can relax and enjoy your new baby. Know that you are helping to improve the future health of others in need. The placenta is placed in a sterile container provided by LifeNet Health. It will be picked up and delivered to our facility.

If you change your mind, just tell your doctor before you deliver.

Who is LifeNet Health?

LifeNet Health is a non-profit organization that focuses its energies and passion on its mission of saving lives, restoring health and giving hope to others. We are a community that wants to help others by managing the precious gifts, like the one you are thinking about giving. This allows LifeNet Health to continue its mission by giving the gift of hope through placenta donation.



Who Should I Call If I Still Have Questions?

If you would like to speak to someone with any other questions, please call LifeNet Health at:

1-800-847-7831 and press #2

