



CAPE COD HEALTHCARE
Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center

Platelet Donors Needed!

Dear Blood Donor,

Thank you for coming out to the blood drive today and for your support of the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center. Did you know that Cape Cod Healthcare also has a Platelet donation program? Platelet donations are used to support the needs of our Cardiology, Oncology and other patients where platelet transfusions are a vital part of the treatment regimen for these patients. Cape Cod Healthcare needs approximately 600 units of platelets each year to support these patients. Platelets only have a shelf life of 7 days so they are constantly needed.

If you are interested in becoming a platelet donor, please inform your phlebotomist and they will collect the necessary tubes to check your platelet count. If your platelet count is $>150,000$, you may be eligible to donate platelets. For female donors, an HLA test will need to be performed as well. This also involves collecting a tube of blood for testing.

Please consider becoming a Platelet donor. Your donation helps us save the lives of our patients in need at Falmouth Hospital and Cape Cod Hospital – your family, friends and neighbors as well as the many visitors to our wonderful community. For more information on our platelet program, please ask one of our staff today or call our blood donor center at 508-862-5663.

Thank you!

