

Female Platelet Donors...

What You Need To Know



TRALI -Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury is a serious syndrome that can develop in patients who have received blood and platelet transfusions.

This problem is caused by antibodies that can be present in the white blood cell portion of blood.

Platelet products contain white blood cells. The particular types of antibodies that cause TRALI are known as HLA antibodies.

- HLA antibodies are formed in women during pregnancy.
- Women that have never been pregnant will not have HLA antibodies.
- Women that have been pregnant will need to be tested for the presence of these antibodies as they could be harmful if transfused to another person.
- In some instances we will allow previously pregnant female donors to donate platelets.

Talk to a Blood Service representative TODAY to see if you can be a platelet donor. The need has never been greater!

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