

# Parental Information on Blood Donation



Your son or daughter has expressed interest in donating blood with Versiti Wisconsin, Inc. In Wisconsin, a minor who is at least 16 years old may become a blood donor, if the minor's parent/guardian agrees. After age 17, the consent of the minor's parent is not required. A *Parental/Guardian Consent to Donate* form for 16-year-old donors is required each time the minor donates. This form will provide you and your son or daughter with important information about blood donation.

We hope that you will support and encourage your son or daughter to become a blood donor. By becoming a blood donor, your son or daughter is showing great civic responsibility, maturity and a sense of community pride. Through blood donation, your son or daughter can positively impact the health of a patient.

**The Donation Process.** There are four steps to the donation process:

1. **Registration** – Each donor is required to present a picture ID with the donor's date of birth and complete a list of health-related questions.
2. **Medical Evaluation** – The medical evaluation ensures safety for both the blood donor and recipients. In order to donate, an individual must be in good health, be at least 16-years-old, and weigh at least 110 pounds (see below for additional height and weight criteria). Each prospective donor will meet privately with a donor specialist who will check the donor's blood pressure, temperature and pulse, and take a small drop of blood from the donor's finger to test the donor's blood count.

MALES						
If you are:	4' 10"	4' 11"	5' or taller			
You must weigh at least:	120lbs.	115lbs.	110lbs.			
FEMALES						
If you are:	5' 1"	5' 2"	5' 3"	5' 4"	5' 5"	5' 6" or taller
You must weigh at least:	133lbs.	129lbs.	124lbs.	120lbs.	115lbs.	110lbs.

\*Females: If you are shorter than 5' 1", you may still be eligible to donate blood. Call our Record Review Department at 414-937-6070 to ask about your eligibility.

3. **Blood Collection and Testing** – Blood is collected through a sterile needle inserted into the donor's arm. The actual blood donation takes about 10 minutes. To ensure the safety of persons who may receive donated blood, all donated blood is tested for ABO blood typing, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), hepatitis B and C, West Nile virus, syphilis, and other illnesses. All donor information is kept strictly confidential; however, if any of these screening tests are positive, Versiti Wisconsin will inform the donor and his or her parent/guardian. In some cases, the donor's name may be entered in a registry of ineligible donors and we must inform certain government health agencies as required by law.
4. **Refreshment and Relaxation** – After the donation, donors are encouraged to spend time in the refreshment area. Snacks and drinks are provided to replenish fluids and energy levels. Also, it is important that the donor drinks plenty of fluids in the 24 hours after donation.

**Potential Risks.** There are some potential risks in donating blood, including: discomfort, swelling and bruising at the needle site; fainting and convulsions; injury to blood vessels or nerves; infection; and local blood clot. These risks are relatively uncommon.

**Questions?** If you have any questions or concerns about blood donation, please contact us at 414-937-6070 or visit our website at <https://www.versiti.org/>.

**If you and your son or daughter wants to proceed with blood donation, please read and sign and return the *Parental/Guardian Consent to Donate* form with your child when they come to donate.**

# RESEARCH PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET FOR BABESIA PARASITE

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**Protocol Titles:** A Prospective Study to Evaluate the Specificity of the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> Babesia test for use on the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> 6800/8800 System for Screening of Blood Donations for the Presence of Babesia Parasite DNA and RNA

A Prospective Study to Evaluate the Specificity of the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> Babesia test for use on the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> 6800/8800 System for Screening of Blood Donations in Pools of 6 for the Presence of Babesia Parasite DNA and RNA

**Study #:** May include cX8-BAB-440 and/or cX8-BAB-484  
**Sponsor:** Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.

**Principal Investigator Name:** Jerome L. Gottschall, MD

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

**Daytime Telephone Number(s):** 800-215-0061  
**24-hour Contact Number(s):** 800-215-0061

**Additional contact information for your local blood donation center:** Please refer either to the donation consent document that you signed at your local donation center or, if your donation consent was electronic, to your local donation center's website.

This donor center is doing a research study on a new test used to detect Babesia parasite. To participate, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must meet the standard donor eligibility criteria.
- If you are a minor (for example age 16-17 years), you may participate if you have obtained permission of a parent (or legal guardian), where required by law, to donate blood and you assent to donate blood.

If you donate, your test results will be used to evaluate the new test. Any remainder of your donation may be stored up to 3 years after the completion of the study and used for further research related to the Babesia parasite. Because of the risk of Babesia in our area, your participation in this research study is necessary in order to donate today. Your alternative is to not donate today.

If you do participate in the research study and your test results show that you may have a Babesia parasite infection:

- This donation center will attempt to contact you only if your test results show that you may have a Babesia parasite infection and their significance will be explained. You will not be contacted if your results do not show that you may have Babesia parasite infection.
- You will be invited to participate in a voluntary follow-up study involving additional blood samples and you will be asked to sign an additional consent form.
- You should discuss these results with your primary care physician. You should discuss the potential risk of Babesia parasite infection, and the potential harm with either your physician or your donation center.

At any time, you may also visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at

<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/babesiosis/> for additional information regarding Babesia parasite.

Although you may not receive a direct benefit from this study, the results may allow for better tests to become available to protect the blood supply.

You will not be paid for your participation in this study.

The risk of having your donation tested with the study test is not any greater than having your donation tested for other infectious diseases.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. If you decide not to participate after your donation is taken or not to donate today, there is no penalty to you. If you have questions about this study or would like to withdraw from further participation in this research study, call the Principal Investigator at the number(s) above.

The results of all testing on your donation during this study are confidential, except when reportable by law to public health authorities, and to authorized blood center personnel, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.

If you have questions about your rights as a study participant call the Copernicus Group Independent Review Board (IRB) at 1-888-303-2224. An IRB is a group of people who review research independent of those sponsoring and doing the work. Please visit the Copernicus Group IRB website [www.cgirb.com](http://www.cgirb.com) for more information about research studies and the role of a research study participant.

