

DOUBLE RED CELL (ALYX) DONATIONS



Save more lives with just 1 donation!

What is ALYX?

When patients require a blood transfusion, it's typically of a particular blood component. Red blood cells are often the most needed. With ALYX, you can maximize your donation by giving 2 units of red cells.

During the procedure, your whole blood will be spun through a centrifuge and you will receive back your plasma, your platelets and some saline solution. Because you are only donating red cells, you can donate 2 units of red cells in a single visit.

What are the requirements?

Males

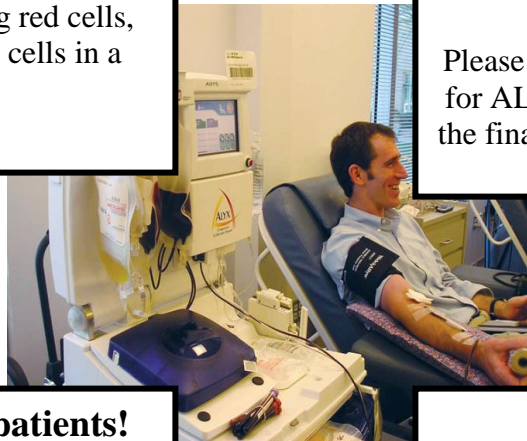
Weight: 130 lb and over
Height: 5ft. 1in. and over
Hematocrit: 40 and over

Females

Weight: 150 lb. and over
Height: 5ft. 5in. and over
Hematocrit: 40 and over

O-, O+, A- and B- are the preferred blood types for this process.

Please note, these are the basic requirements for ALYX. Our donor specialists will make the final decision about your eligibility based on criteria.



Benefits to hospitals & patients!

- Red blood cells are the most frequently transfused
- Your donation is separated on site instead of being sent to a lab
- Patients can receive concentrated red cells from one donation

Benefits to you!

- A smaller needle is used than with a whole blood donation
- Receive saline solution to replace the liquid volume in your body lost from the donation
- Ability to donate 2 units of red cells in a single visit
- Donate less frequently-- you can only donate double red cells every 112 days (versus 56 days with whole blood)