

WHO CAN USE CORD BLOOD STEM CELLS ?

SELF USAGE

Some diseases can be treated using the baby's own cord blood. When an individual uses his or her own stem cells, it is called an autologous transplant or infusion.



SIBLINGS

The chance of an exact cord blood match from a sibling is 25%, and there is an additional 50% chance of a half match.

PARENTS

The child's cord blood is always a 50% match for either parent.



GRANDPARENTS

A newborn's cord blood can be used by other family members, including grandparents. As long as the recipient is a qualifying HLA match to the child, the cord blood is safe to use.

References:

- <https://www.cordbank.co.nz/nz-cord-blood-foundation/>
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3952633/>
- <https://parentsguidecordblood.org/en/disease>

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