

NDMRB Healthy Blood Donor Information Sheet

You are being asked to donate a blood sample (maximum of 100ml of blood to be withdrawn at any one time) for use by NDM-RB staff. The blood will be used for non-research purposes only. For example, cells isolated from the blood sample may be used as a reagent to support the growth of T cell lines or clones used in immunological assays; or for the generation of stocks of viruses that are required for research work ongoing in the building.

Please note that:

1. Donation of blood for research is voluntary and you should not be placed under any pressure to donate
2. You do not have to agree to give a blood sample nor explain if you choose not to
3. Refusal will have no effect on your employment or on your employment, status or marks/assessment if a student
4. You will be given an explanation of what your blood will be used for before it is taken
5. Any personal information provided by you in connection with the donation will be held in confidence; and the samples taken from you will be anonymized by labelling with a donor number
6. For reasons of safety, you should not donate if you:
 - know you are, or think you might be, infected with Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
 - know you are, or think you might be, infected with HIV (the AIDS virus)
 - have, or have had, a sexual partner who is infected with hepatitis or HIV
 - are unwell at the moment
 - are anaemic or receiving treatment for anaemia or iron deficiency
 - are, or may be, pregnant
 - have given blood samples within the last 6 months that together with the volume you are about to donate would bring the total volume of blood donated within 6 months to more than 250ml (for women) or 500ml (for men).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the phlebotomist who is asking you to donate a blood sample.

