

NHSBT Convalescent Plasma Update for Trust Research Teams

October 2020

Key updates

- Trial randomisations are rising rapidly.
- The convalescent plasma arm of the two trials may be completed earlier than expected, with potential results before the end of 2020.
- There is an urgent need for donors to help build up stocks ahead of any trial results. Completion of the trials may increase demand significantly if the trials show benefit.
- Donor antibody levels decline fairly quickly over time, so it is important that people donate as soon as they can and as often as they can.
- We've collected more than 9,000 high titre donations.
- We will be extending collection with 14 new plasma donor centres opening over November and December.
- Please continue to share the importance of donation with your colleagues.

Follow the link below for donor-related materials:



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Convalescent plasma materials

NHSBT is collecting COVID-19 convalescent plasma for a major coronavirus treatment trial, and if the trial is successful, widespread use in hospitals. Convalescent plasma is the antibody-rich plasma of people who have recovered from COVID-19, which can be transfused into people with COVID-19 who are struggling to develop their own immune response.

Anyone who has had coronavirus or the symptoms can offer to donate at a donor centre by calling 0300 123 23 23 or completing the online form at www.nhsbt.nhs.uk

Please use these materials to help promote convalescent plasma donation and encourage people to register their interest in donating.



Social media materials

Download and share our materials on Facebook and Instagram.



Poster and web materials

Download and display our posters, email footer and web materials.



Convalescent plasma videos

Download and share our videos

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/how-you-can-help/get-involved/download-digital-materials/convalescent-plasma-materials/>

Information for Patients



- We'd be grateful if you could ask your Chief Nurses and PALs team to display convalescent plasma donation information in the relevant areas (e.g. discharge lounges).
- You can download the poster from here:
https://nhsbtddb.blob.core.windows.net/umbraco-assets-corp/19099/a4-poster-digital_02.pdf
- You can order packets of the leaflets for free from here:
<https://hospital.nhsbtleaflets.co.uk/Login.html>

A donor's story

- Alan Mack's daughter died of COVID, aged 29.
- He also had it, though he did not need hospital care.
- He has donated convalescent plasma nine times at the Newcastle donor centre.
- Alan's story was covered on Sky News, the BBC website, and more.
- He said: "I don't want other families to go through what we went through."
- [Click to read more.](#)

A screenshot of a BBC News article. The page header includes the BBC logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Home, News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, and Sound. The article title is "Covid-19: Father shares antibodies after daughter's death". Below the title, it says "2 days ago" and "Coronavirus pandemic". The main image is a close-up photograph of a man (Alan Mack) and a woman (Rebecca Mack) smiling. A caption below the image reads "Rebecca Mack and her father Alan were ill at the same time".

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Covid-19: Father shares antibodies after daughter's death

2 days ago

Coronavirus pandemic

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH

Rebecca Mack and her father Alan were ill at the same time

A father who caught coronavirus from his daughter before she died from Covid-19 is donating plasma to help other people with the virus.

A recipient's story

- John Curtis, 58, had convalescent plasma in August through the RECOVERY trial.
- He was treated at the Queen's Hospital in Romford, and spent six days in hospital.
- John is now booked in to donate plasma himself in November.
- [Click to watch his story.](#)



Trials webinar for the research and clinical community

- The latest webinar for the research and clinical community is due on Monday 23 November (15:00).
- We will be sending out an invite soon but please get in contact with sam.hargreaves@nhsbt.nhs.uk to express an interest.
- Previous webinars can be found [here](#).



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Conalescent plasma UK trial

RECOVERY
Randomised Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy

- Hospitalised patients – children and adults
- CP versus standard care (+/- other randomised treatments)
- CP on study day 1 and day 2
- Planned recruitment at least 5000