
Who uses Plasma and Plasma Protein Therapies?

The people living with these rare diseases use plasma protein therapies to live. The diseases are characterized by missing or dysfunctional proteins that are found in blood plasma.

- Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency
- Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- Hemophilia A & B
- Hereditary Angioedema
- Immune Thrombocytopenia
- Kawasaki Disease
- Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases
- Von Willebrand Disease
- Other Emergency medicine uses include Burns, Shock, Organ Transplants, and Surgery

“IVIG SAVED MY QUALITY OF LIFE; IT HAS GIVEN ME A REASON TO KEEP TRYING.”

DAVE

Living with CIDP, Uses Plasma

“GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY GIVES BACK TO YOU TENFOLD. IT FEELS GREAT! YOU JUST THINK ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN HELP, AND IT **REALLY MAKES IT ALL WORTH IT.**”

VICTORIA

Donates plasma



BECOME A PLASMA DONOR

The plasma that you donate will go directly to creating life-saving therapies for patients all over the world.

Donating plasma is relatively simple, takes about 90 minutes, and is very safe.

You may be compensated for your time when you donate plasma.

MORE INFORMATION

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AMERICAN PLASMA USERS COALITION

Information on Plasma Protein Therapies & Who Uses Them



WHAT IS PLASMA?

Plasma is the yellow-colored liquid portion of blood that contains proteins that are essential for the human body, including antibodies and clotting factors.

WHAT ARE PLASMA PROTEIN THERAPIES?

Plasma protein therapies are unique biologic medicines that treat diseases by replacing the missing or dysfunctional proteins.

These treatments are made from plasma that is donated by healthy volunteers. Plasma is collected at 780+ plasma donation centers in the US, then the plasma is frozen and shipped to a specialty facility where it is manufactured into plasma-protein therapies.

Plasma Protein Therapy can be administrated intravenously (using an IV) or subcutaneously (an injection under the skin).

STATE & FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES FOR PLASMA USERS

- Safety of the plasma supply
- Ensuring an abundant plasma supply to create therapies
- Accessibility of plasma therapies for all patients who need it

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT PLASMA THERAPIES

- This process starts with a plasma donation from a healthy human volunteer
- Plasma Protein Therapies go through a complex manufacturing process that takes 7-12 months
- Plasma Protein Therapies are unique and non-interchangeable
- These therapies save lives and have drastically increased life expectancy for patients living with rare diseases

“Plasma donors come from all walks-of-life and all backgrounds, but to the patient community they are everyday heroes.”

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

About APLUS

APLUS is a coalition of national patient organizations created to address the unique needs of the 125,000+ Americans who **need** plasma protein therapies to treat their chronic health conditions. APLUS works to ensure that the patient voice is heard when public policies affecting access to safe and effective therapy and treatment are considered. Safety is of utmost concern to APLUS: we believe that plasma collection regulations should always prioritize the health and welfare of the eventual plasma user as well as the donor.

