



SOUTHWEST

Washington Medical Center

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Southwest Washington Medical Center relies on the Southwest Washington Blood Program of the Puget Sound Blood Center to support our patients' transfusion needs.

Our partnership with the Blood Center, which began in late 1995, demonstrates our commitment to high-quality, cost-effective medical care. Since that time, patients at Southwest have received over 100,000 units of blood from volunteer blood donors of the Blood Program. The program guarantees that our patients have access to high quality blood, tissue and specialized medical services, managed by physicians who are experts in treating patients with complicated bleeding. The scope of services Southwest receives include:

- expertise in transfusion therapies from Blood Center physicians affiliated with the University of Washington School of Medicine
- medical consultation available around the clock
- tissue (bone and heart valves) for transplantation
- specialized laboratories to aid in diagnosing complex bleeding problems and providing appropriate blood components and therapies for our local patients
- hemophilia care to help improve the care for 400 people in Washington State
- research to improve future care in transfusion and transplantation medicine

With the support of volunteer donors in Clark County and throughout Western Washington, the Blood Center meets the need for blood and related services for all patients in the greater Southwest Washington area. From 1995 to 2004 the need for blood in Clark County grew by 90 percent, a 13.5 percent annual compound increase. Currently, nearly 10,000 units of blood & blood components are provided annually by the Blood Program to support our local patient needs.

Please help by donating blood to support your Southwest Washington Blood Program and SW Washington Medical Center patients.

Sincerely,

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