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Women's Health

## ***CORD BLOOD BANKING***

It is important for you to be aware of the potential medical value of the stem cells found in your newborns umbilical cord itself (cord tissue). These newborn stem cells can only be collected immediately following the birth of your child. The collection process is simple safe and does not interrupt the birthing process. Cord blood is the blood that remains in the umbilical cord after your baby has been delivered. Like bone marrow, this blood is a rich source of stem cells that are used in many lifesaving medical treatments today and are showing promise in the treatment of conditions, such as brain injury and juvenile diabetes. Before your next appointment we ask that you complete a brief educational program on cord blood and cord tissue so that we have a record of your cord blood education on file.

Please go to [www.cordbankingbasics.com](http://www.cordbankingbasics.com) to complete this requirement.

In addition, there is a no cost program available for families with a current medical need (family member diagnosed with a life-threatening disease that is treatable with stem cells. For qualification details about this program or for additional questions you may have about banking your baby's newborn stem cells, we encourage you to call 1-888-coordblood. I understand I should research my options and inform my delivering provider of my wishes before my due date.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_