Neighborhood Blood Donation Centers

Eastern Hills Mall Neighborhood Donation Center
4545 Transit Rd., Williamsville, 14221
Monday 10am - 8pm
Wednesday 1pm - 8pm
Friday 7am - 2pm
Saturday 7am - 3pm

Tonawanda Neighborhood Donation Center
96 Niagara Street, Tonawanda, 14150
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am-8pm
EVERY other Saturday 7am-3pm

Southgate Neighborhood Blood Donation Center
1000 Union Rd., West Seneca, 14224
Monday & Wednesday 10am -8pm
Friday 7am - 2pm
EVERY other Saturday 7am - 3pm

Unyts Neighborhood Donation Center
110 Broadway, Buffalo, 14203
Tuesday 10am -3pm

To make an appointment to donate please call 512.7940.

Platelet Pheresis
It Does Matter.
110 Broadway • Buffalo, NY 14203
www.unyts.org
What is Platelet Pheresis?
It is Automated Blood Collection, an increasingly common procedure. Automation is the process of removing a specific component of the blood, such as platelets, and returning the remaining components, such as red blood cells and plasma, to the donor.

Life-Saving Platelets
Your blood may be more special than you think. Platelets are essential for normal blood clotting and are used in the treatment of serious illness, including cancer, leukemia and aplastic anemia, as well as heart and transplant surgery patients.

Blood is taken from one arm and collected through a sterile, disposable kit connected to an Automated device. This procedure helps Unyts more effectively respond to the needs of our local hospitals and patients in the community.

Your First Donation
During your donation you can relax while watching a movie, listening to music, or visiting with our dedicated and friendly staff. Platelet donation is easy, and only takes 30-45 minutes longer than a whole blood donation.

Is Platelet Donation Safe?
Donor safety is the utmost priority at Unyts. A new and sterile donation kit (collection bag, tubing, and needle) is used for every donor. The donor is never at risk of being exposed to another donor's blood and the donor's blood never comes in contact with the apheresis machine.

Become a Regular Platelet Donor
After donation your body will replace lost platelets within 24-48 hours. At Unyts platelets can be donated every 14 days. Donors who give whole blood may donate platelets 56 days after a whole blood donation.

Platelets must be transfused within five days
Up to 40% of platelets donated are transfused to children
Platelets are often in very short supply due to their high demand and short shelf life.

Who Can Be a Platelet Donor?
To qualify as a platelet donor, you must:
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be at least 17 years old
- Be in good general health
- Have a good venous access- will be determined by Unyts staff
- Do not take products containing aspirin for three days before your donation
- Donors who are A+, B+, AB-, AB+ are encouraged to donate

Unyts Community Blood Service
Unyts Community Blood Service is empowering Western New Yorkers to take control of their own blood supply. The organization is committed to spreading the merits of blood donation and its life-saving qualities. Just as the Gift of Life can take the form of a life-saving organ, it can also take the form of a critical blood transfusion, and Unyts is the organization offering Western New Yorkers the opportunity to save and enhance the lives of neighbors – whether through organ, eye, tissue or community blood donation.

How Can I Become a Platelet Donor?
Contact Unyts at 512-7940 to schedule an appointment or to answer any questions you may have about becoming a platelet donor. You can also visit our website at www.unyts.org or fill out the attached card, drop it in the mail, and we’ll call you.

On behalf of the hundreds of WNYers in our community who are dependent on blood products to survive, thank you for giving the Gift of Life!