

Canadian Blood Services is proud to partner with the Inflamed Brain Alliance in support of PANDAS/PANS

Across the country families, friends and organizations are encouraged to donate blood and plasma this October in honour of PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day, October, 9th.

What is plasma?

More than half (55 per cent) of the blood flowing through your veins is actually plasma. Plasma supports your immune system and helps other blood components (red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets) circulate through your body. This protein-rich, pale-yellow fluid has earned its nickname “liquid gold” because it can be transfused directly into patients in urgent situations, such as severe infection and excessive bleeding, or it can be manufactured into medications, like immunoglobulins.

Thousands of patients in Canada depend on immunoglobulins to treat primary and secondary immunodeficiency, autoimmune disorders, neurological conditions, and other diseases with an immune origin. Immunoglobulins are the most widely used medication made from plasma and demand for these lifesaving medications is growing in Canada and around the world.

Plasma has two main applications:

It can be transfused directly into patients in hospitals; or, it can be manufactured into specialized medications called plasma protein products. Immunoglobulins, albumin and coagulating factors are examples of these products.



Join the national PANDAS/PANS team [HERE](#)

Donate plasma in 8 easy steps



Book your appointment



Get ready for your appointment



Arrive at donation centre



Meet and greet



Fill out questionnaire



Donate plasma & enjoy some me time



Relax and refresh



Feel good knowing you saved lives

[Book now](#)

What to expect on your first appointment before you donate

Help make all the difference in the lives of patients across Canada who are waiting for your vital blood donations. The life you could change could be closer than you think.



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Get ready for your appointment



Arrive at donation centre



Questionnaire



Interview



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Start a PANDAS/PANS team or a community team in support of PANDAS/PANS:
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