



# Umbilical Cord Blood Banking

## What is Umbilical Cord Blood Banking?

Cord blood is the blood from the baby that remains in the umbilical cord and placenta after delivery. It contains stem cells that can be used to treat more than 70 diseases. Umbilical cord blood can be donated to a public bank or stored privately for future use.

The science of using umbilical cord blood is evolving everyday. To date, research has shown that the stem cells found in umbilical cord blood have been used to treat many illnesses including disorders of the blood, immune system, and metabolism.

South Miami Hospital was the first hospital in South Florida to offer public cord blood banking to patients through its affiliation with CORD:USE. Public cord blood banking has afforded many patients the opportunity to donate their baby's umbilical cord blood to help those who have been unsuccessful in finding exact bone marrow matches for their family members or loved ones.

Make sure to discuss with your provider if you are considering umbilical cord blood banking, whether it be public or private.

The following will provide you with useful information about your cord blood banking options:

- Viacord - [www.viacord.com](http://www.viacord.com)
- Cord Blood Registry (CBR) - [www.cordblood.com](http://www.cordblood.com)
- CORD:USE - [www.corduse.com](http://www.corduse.com)

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