

# ADVANCED OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY, LLC

## Umbilical Cord Blood / Stem Cell Collection

- A number of companies offer to freeze and store cord blood collected from the placenta/umbilical cord after your baby is delivered. If the cord blood is not collected, the placenta and the cord blood are discarded. Collecting cord blood will have no impact on the medical care of either the mother or infant.
- The blood in your newborn's umbilical cord is a rich source of stem cells. Research is being done regarding the use of cord blood stem cells to treat more than 40+ diseases including leukemia, other cancers, blood and immune system disorders, and some genetic conditions. In addition, researchers are studying ways to use stem cells from cord blood to treat heart disease, diabetes, brain injury, and other health conditions.
- In a family without any serious health conditions, the chance that a family member may benefit from stem cell treatment is approximately 1 in 2500.
- Cord blood collection can be costly. There is a charge annually for storage. Those significant costs needs to be evaluated in light of the low likelihood that the cord blood will ever need to be used. Please see our website for list of cord blood centers.
- If you choose to have a cord blood collection, it is your responsibility to contact an appropriate company, obtain the cord blood collection kit and bring it with you to the hospital when you are delivering your infant. After the cord blood is collected, the kit will be given back to you to call a courier to send the kit to the cord blood storage company.
- One of our doctors will perform the cord blood collection at a cost of approximately \$250. This cost may or may not be covered by your insurance company and may be an out-of-pocket expense to you.

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Signature

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Date

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Patient's Printed Name