

# Frequently Asked Questions

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- *What is an automated red cell donation?*

*Red blood cells are the parts of the blood that carry oxygen to various tissue throughout the body and remove carbon dioxide. An automated donation allows you to give only your red blood cells and returns the unused components to you.*

- *Who needs red cell transfusions?*

*People who require treatment for severe infection, liver disease, massive blood loss, anemia and bleeding following chemotherapy.*

- *How does an automated red cell donation help?*

*It helps maintain the blood supply by collecting more products and the most-needed products from one donation.*

- *How does an automated red cell donation compare to a whole blood donation?*

*An automated donation uses a cell separator to draw blood and results in a more comfortable donation experience due to the smaller needle and fluid replacement.*

- *Can I work after donating?*

*You can return to your normal routine, just like when you donate whole blood, as long as your work does not involve heavy lifting or strenuous activity on the day you donate.*

- *Is this type of donation safe?*

*It is just as safe as a whole blood donation, with no risk of contracting any disease. Each donation is performed using a sterile, single-use, disposable tubing set that fits the collection unit.*

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