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CORD BLOOD BANKING OVERVIEW AND OPTIONS:

What is Cord Blood Banking?

Cord blood banking is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to collect and store the stem cells found in your child's umbilical cord. Cord blood stem cells have been used successfully in the treatment of more than 70 life-threatening diseases.

Options for Cord Blood Banking:

Expecting a child can be an exciting and overwhelming experience for new and veteran parents. You may have many important decisions to make for your family's future, including choosing a cord blood banking option that is right for you.

Family Banking allows families to save their child's cord blood exclusively for their family's use. This service is available through private cord blood banks that charge a fee to collect, process, freeze and store your child's stem cell-rich umbilical cord blood for your family's future medical use.

Discard umbilical cord as waste. The cells cannot be retrieved for future use.

Undecided at this time.

If you choose to collect your newborn's cord blood our office **MUST** be notified prior to your delivery. Our fee is \$300.00 for the collection process and payment is due by your 38th week of pregnancy.

I have read the information above and discussed my cord blood banking options with my healthcare provider. I understand the fees I am responsible for. I have indicated my choice above.

Patient Name

Date

Patient Signature

Due Date

Witness

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To Our Patients:

Cord blood banking is the process of collecting the blood from a newborn's umbilical cord immediately after delivery and cryogenically storing it for future potential medical uses. Cord blood, which is rich in stem cells, is usually discarded along with the umbilical cord and placenta after birth. It is important for you to learn about cord blood banking early in your pregnancy so that you can make an informed decision.

Due to certain patents occurring with many cord blood banks, we recommend that you speak with Dr. Mesbah for further information regarding your child's cord blood storage.

If you choose to collect your newborn's cord blood our fee is \$300.00 for the collection process. The fee is due by your 38th week of pregnancy.

As always, please feel free to contact our office for additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mesbah and Staff

I have been informed about the availability of collecting my child's cord blood. I understand the fee's I am responsible for.

Patient Name: _____

Patient Signature: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____