

CIRCULAR

It has been brought to the information of PBTA that illegal sale and purchase of Plasma is going on being managed through social media.. Following directions are being issued in this regards to be strictly followed: -

- a. Plasma therapy (Passive Immunization) for COVI-19 Patients in at experimental stages only.
- b. No plasma by any method must be collected and distributed from PAID donors.
- c. Donor consent must be proper clearly mentioning that the donation of plasma is free from any material interest or any pressure/binding. The signature and thumb impression of donor must be recorded properly.
- d. Donor must be fully explained about:
 - i) Experimental nature of Plasma therapy for Covid-19 patients.
 - ii) Risks of procedure.
- e. The recipient must fulfill the criteria/parameters mentioned in PBTA Circular No 232.
- f. Consent of the recipient/attendants must also be recorded. It must also be recorded that the donor if arranged by the patient/attendants (Directed donor) has not been paid or pressurized. The benefits/risks to be clearly explained to recipient/attendants.
- g. All the collected/distributed plasma bags must clearly mention "PLASMA FOR CPT ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS ONLY".
- h. All the SOPs for transport of Plasma mentioned in Circular No. 228 and 229 dated 05-06-2020 must be followed.
- i. Promotion of voluntary Plasma donation.
- j. Motivation and awareness material must be displayed.

Any involvement in illegal sale and purchase of Plasma by any blood bank/blood establishment will lead to immediate Cancellation of the license of said blood bank and further actions according to Punjab Blood Transfusion Safety Act 2016.



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PUNJAB BLOOD TRANSFUSION AUTHORITY
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