



Recipient Epidemiology and Donor Evaluation Study-IV-Pediatric Vein-to-Vein Database Study

This blood center is participating in a study of blood donation and transfusion safety called the *REDS-IV-P Vein-to-Vein Database Study* funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health (for more information, visit redsivp.com). This study seeks to evaluate and improve the safety and availability of the blood supply in the U.S. and to improve the effectiveness of transfusion therapies for adults, children and newborn infants. Led by the study's Principal Investigator, Dr. Brian Custer, Vitalant Research Institute will create a data set called the Vein-to-Vein Database. This database will allow us to assess how characteristics of blood donors and blood donations impact the effectiveness of the transfusions patients receive.

Today, in addition to the donor health history questions required before each blood donation, we are asking you to answer 11 additional, optional questions as part of this study. These additional questions will help us to better understand how donors and donations impact the effectiveness of transfusions for blood recipients. The additional survey questions will take about 5 minutes to complete. Your answers will be kept confidential. Researchers will not be given any information that would allow them to identify you.

Although you are required to answer the donor health history questions in order to donate blood, you may choose to skip the 11 additional Vein-to-Vein Database Study questions. These study questions will be asked after you complete the donor health history questions. If you decide not to answer these 11 survey questions, it will not impact your eligibility to donate blood.

Questions? Please contact Dr. Brian Custer at 415-901-0756. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, you can call the University of California, San Francisco Institutional Review Board at 415-476-1814.

To proceed with your donation, we ask that you read the ***Use of Donor Information, Blood, and Blood Samples in Research*** to understand how your donor information, blood, and blood samples are used in this and other scientific studies.

Thank you for helping us further advancements in transfusion medicine.