As the Coronavirus continues to ravage the country, it is incumbent upon us to find every possible mechanism to help our patients. The ongoing investigation into convalescent plasma is being done in South Florida. Using the plasma from recovered patients may help to reduce the illness in other patients. Currently, OneBlood is able to collect plasma and provide this potential lifesaving treatment. They are a not for profit blood center well known to South Florida. It is critical and obvious that they need willing blood donors who are recovered patients in order to collect and process the blood. The issue is identifying patients as HIPAA and other laws prohibit them from mining information databases. It is incumbent upon us to see if any of our recovered patients are willing to be blood donors. The following criteria are required to be a plasma donor for treating this Illness.

A convalescent plasma donor must:

- Have a copy of their COVID-19 Positive test
- Be clinically recovered
- Asymptomatic for 14-28 days’ post COVID Positive test and have another COVID Negative test result and meet the routine qualifications of routine allogeneic blood donation or
- Asymptomatic for >28 days’ post COVID Positive test
- No COVID Negative test result required and meet the routine qualifications of routine allogeneic blood donation

I know that we are all pulled in many directions and both our healthcare system and our own personal reserves are being stretched to the limits. If you have seen any patients that meet the criteria for donation, please reach out to them and encourage them to be a donor. They can call OneBlood at 1 (888) 9donate or go to this link:

https://www.oneblood.org/lp/covid-19-convalescent-plasma.stml

Please share this with your colleagues and hospital medical staffs. We need as many donors as possible to save lives.

Thank you for your service and all you do for the practice of medicine and the patients we serve.

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