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Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

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Medical Services  
REYNOLDS ARMY HOSPITAL BLOOD DONOR CENTER

1. PURPOSE. This regulation delineates the procedures for collecting blood from military personnel at Fort Sill; i.e., methods to be used in the establishment of mass drawing of blood, walking blood banks for certain types of blood, processing and shipment of blood, and quota requirements established by the Department of the Army.

2. SCOPE. Training battalion units will be designated as donor units for a 1 week period, appointed according to training schedules published by ATC S3. Each battery will appoint a specific point of contact (POC), preferably the senior drill instructor. The specific POC for the Blood Donor Center will be the OIC of the Blood Donor Center (1-4616/5221/2589). Each Monday, the OIC/NCOIC of the Blood Donor Center will call the senior drill instructor of the designated blood donor battalion, and tell him/her how many units of blood are needed for that week. The volunteers will report, under the control of an officer or an NCO, to the Blood Donor Center (Bldg 3779, phone 1-5221) at 1230 on Friday. Unit commanders will insure adequate screening of donors, and will coordinate schedules of blood donor input with the OIC, Blood Donor Center, by telephone. An absence from duty or from training of approximately 3 hours should be anticipated. Commanders are encouraged to release donors for the rest of that duty day. Units from III Corps Artillery, the US Army Field Artillery School, and USAFACFS Directorates will be considered secondary blood donors. Each unit within the above organizations will be given the opportunity to donate at least semiannually via a schedule which will be coordinated by the operations section of each organization respectively. Collection for these units will be made on Fridays between 0800 and 1100.

3. GENERAL.

a. The Blood Donor Center, Reynolds Army Hospital, is required to provide an adequate supply of whole blood for surgeries and emergencies at Reynolds Army Hospital, as well as meet quotas established by the Department of the Army. Current requirements indicate the need to collect 35 to 40 units of blood on a weekly basis. As a community effort, the Oklahoma Blood Institute will be allowed to draw any donors in excess of Reynolds Army Hospital's needs. Certain emergency situations can necessitate a substantial increase in need with minimal notification.

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Difficulty is experienced when relatively large quotas are established for groups of blood represented in a small fraction of a population. For this reason, it is necessary that the OIC of the Blood Donor Center establish an emergency blood donor file for Rh negative blood groups.

b. Operating the Blood Donor Center is a major mission of the laboratory service. It is an integral part of the Reynolds Army Hospital Laboratory, and consists of a blood bank and established team for collecting blood.

4. TRANSPORTATION OF DONORS. Transportation to and from the Blood Donor Center will be provided by the unit commanders.

5. BLOOD PROCESSING. Specialized tests are performed on blood drawn by Reynolds Army Hospital Laboratory to insure that blood is acceptable for use or shipment. A critical time-schedule is followed to insure that blood is available for delivery to the ultimate user within 72 hours from the date of drawing.

6. BLOOD SHIPMENT. Coordination will be made between the Blood Center and Post Transportation to insure that expeditious air shipment will occur within the blood lifetime limit.

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