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# Umbilical Cord Blood

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Blood present in the umbilical vessels at the time of delivery. If cryopreserved at birth, cord blood can serve as a source of hematopoietic progenitor cells for transplantation to a patient later diagnosed and treated for a hematopoietic disorder.