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## A newer, better way to harvest stem cells

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**SEPAX, A NEW** automated cord-blood processing system, has come to Hong Kong. Brought in by cord-blood bank Cordlife (Tel: 2511-8887), Sepax can harvest significantly higher numbers of stem cells from cord blood.

Stem cells, the body's building blocks, can be grown and transformed into specialized cells like muscles and nerves. They can be used to treat blood diseases, leukemia in particular, through bone-marrow

transplants. As these cells are found in high quantities in umbilical cord blood, parents sometimes store their infant's blood as insurance against serious illnesses. Cord-blood banks collect from donors who agree to give their child's cord blood during pregnancies.

To date, over 400,000 cord-blood units in 40 countries have been processed using Sepax. The Swiss-made system is also accredited with health ministries worldwide, including those of Japan, the European Union, Canada and Australia.

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### Article Highlights:

- **Sepax<sup>®</sup> is a newer, better way to harvest stem cells.**
- **Sepax<sup>®</sup> can harvest significantly higher numbers of stem cells from cord blood.**
- **Brought into Hong Kong by CordLife.**
- **Sepax<sup>®</sup> has processed over 400,000 cord blood units in 40 countries to date.**

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