3 cord blood banks in S'pore

THREE cord blood banks – two private and one public – operate here:

» CordLife, which started in 2001, now operates in 10 countries.

The private bank's laboratory here has more than 10,000 samples from Singapore clients in storage.

For inquiries, call 6238-0808 or 6238-1828.

» StemCord was launched in 2002 after doctors shared their frustration about finding a bone marrow match for one of their leukaemia patients.

The private bank saw a 51 per cent jump in the number of clients last year, and recently welcomed its 10,000th.

For inquiries, call 6471-2002.

» Singapore Cord Blood Bank is the country's first public cord blood bank.

Officially opened in September 2005, it serves as a national resource to Singaporeans in need of cord blood transplant.

It has banked 2,000 units in its registry and aims for another 2,000 by next year.

For an appointment, call 6394-5012.

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