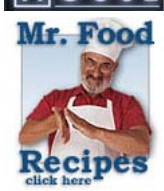




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**Umbilical Cord Blood Saves Lives**  
**Little Known Facts for Pregnant Women and Growing Families**  
 ALBANY, N.Y. -- Many young couples and growing families do not yet know how important it can be to consider storing umbilical cord blood after the birth of a child - even though storing umbilical cord blood could be a lifesaver if someone in their family develops certain serious diseases.

Umbilical cord blood has shown great benefits to medical research because it is rich in blood stem cells. To date, cord blood stem cells have been used in treating many illnesses and disabilities including leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, lymphomas, inherited red cell cancers and more.

The stem cells in cord blood are very important because they make many different types of cells in the body, including blood cells that carry oxygen, fight disease, and help stop bleeding. The cord blood can be transplanted into people to fight disease because it does not need to be perfectly matched to the person who receives it.

The option to store cord blood is not well known. Pregnant women can ask their doctors for information early so they can make an educated decision about whether or not to store their umbilical cord blood after birth.

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