



Emerson Health Blood Donor Center
Physician Request Form for Hereditary Hemochromatosis

Patient _____ M F Date of Birth _____
First Middle Last month/day/year

Address _____
Street city state zip code

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

The above patient has been diagnosed with hereditary Hemochromatosis (HH). The patient understands that he/she will not be charged any fee for this service, but has agreed to donate the blood drawn for transfusion purposes if he/she meets the criteria for allogeneic donation. Furthermore, he/she has agreed that I furnish the following clinical and laboratory information.

Cirrhosis Yes ___ No ___ HFE Genotype _____ Most recent ferritin result _____ Test date _____

General Recommendations for Management of Hereditary Hemochromatosis

- For iron depletion, weekly or biweekly whole blood phlebotomy for a total of 10-12 phlebotomies with a serum ferritin goal of 50-100 ug/ml
- Once ferritin goal is achieved, maintenance phlebotomy schedules should be implemented. Because iron re-accumulation rates vary, frequency of maintenance phlebotomy should be tailored individually to maintain a ferritin of 50-100 ug/ml (which may require 2-12 phlebotomies a year).
- Pre-phlebotomy hemoglobin should remain normal because the goal of phlebotomy is to achieve low normal iron store, not iron deficiency or anemia.
- Excessively frequent phlebotomies resulting in ferritin below 50 ug/ml may increase iron absorption in patients with Hereditary Hemochromatosis and therefore not advisable.

Please refer to Bacon BR et al, 2011 *Hepatology*, AASLD for complete Practice Guidelines.

**Please draw a 450 ml unit of whole blood every _____ week(s) or _____ month(s).
provided that the HEMOGLOBIN result of fingerstick is greater than _____ gms/dl.**

Note: Hemoglobin will be checked by the HemoCue each visit

Additional Laboratory Testing orders _____ Frequency _____

Physician Signature _____ Date _____

This order must be renewed annually

Physician Name _____

Office Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Signature of Blood Bank Medical Director _____ Date _____

Fax completed form to Blood Bank Transfusion services 978-287-3984. (phone 978-287-3360)