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Huntington Ambulatory Care Center
Transfusion Clinic
711 S. Fairmont Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109
(626) 397-5067
Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Your physician will set up your appointment. Please call (626) 397-5636 if you need to cancel it or if you have any questions.

You will be able to drive after your appointment, unless your doctor has given you a medication that causes drowsiness.

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**The three step process of receiving a blood transfusion.**

**Step 1**
Prior to receiving a blood transfusion, your blood will be tested to determine your blood type. Blood or blood components that are compatible with your blood type are ordered by your doctor. A sample of your blood is then mixed with a sample of the blood you will receive to check that no problems result.

**Step 2**
Before your transfusion begins, your nurse will ask you some questions, take your vital signs, and start an IV. To ensure the correct blood is administered, your nurses will perform several checks and when all agree that it is the correct blood, the transfusion will begin.

**Step 3**
Your transfusion will take 4 to 6 hours, during which your nurse will continue to monitor your vital signs, and make sure you’re comfortable.
Tell your nurse immediately if you develop:
- A sense of uneasiness
- Chills
- Fever
- Pain at the site of transfusion
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual itching

During your transfusion you’ll be able to eat, drink, use the restroom and enjoy our entertainment options.

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**What is a blood transfusion?**

A blood transfusion is a medical treatment that replaces blood lost through injury, surgery, or disease. The blood goes through a tube from a bag to an intravenous (IV) catheter and into your vein.

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**How to prepare for your appointment**

**Bring a list of medications you are taking.** The names of both prescription and over-the-counter medications that may be in your system are needed.

**Wear something comfortable.** It’s recommended you wear clothing with sleeves that can be easily rolled up above your elbow.

**Hydrate.** Please be sure to drink plenty of fluids prior to your appointment.

**Relax.** Blood transfusions are safe and your nurse will be there to help you feel at ease.

**Snacks.** You may want to bring a snack, however breakfast or lunch will be ordered for you. Please let your nurse know if you have any food allergies.