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Canadian Blood Services furthers its commitment to plasma collection with the opening of Kelowna plasma donor centre

This past June, Canadian Blood Services continued to boost plasma collections to meet patient needs with the opening of its dedicated [plasma donor centre in Kelowna](#) — the first of its kind in British Columbia.

Plasma is a protein-rich liquid in blood that helps other blood components circulate throughout the body. The proteins found in plasma are key to producing specialized medicines — a need that is rapidly growing in Canada. These medications are used to treat patients with a variety of life-threatening conditions such as immune deficiency, bleeding disorders, liver diseases and many types of cancers.

The Kelowna plasma donor centre is the third dedicated plasma donor to open in Canada, following [Sudbury, Ont.](#) and [Lethbridge, Alta.](#), which opened in 2020. Canadian Blood Services' new plasma donor centres are helping to increase source plasma collection and ensure patients in Canada have consistent and continued access to the plasma-derived medications they depend on.

While the new donor centre will be dedicated to plasma collection, there will be no change to how patients in Kelowna and the surrounding communities receive blood or blood products for their care. Opportunities to donate blood at mobile blood donor events will continue in communities outside of Kelowna.

Appointments to donate plasma are now available and donors can book their appointments by visiting blood.ca, downloading the GiveBlood app or calling 1-888-2DONATE.

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