

With Your Help, We Can  
Reduce the Spread of this  
Incurable Disease



Your participation in the hepatitis B program is extremely important. Your plasma may help protect those who have been exposed to this disease.

For more information about this program, please talk to our program coordinator or center management.



Biotest Pharmaceuticals Corporation produces source and specialty plasmas for the development and commercialization of therapeutic products for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases and immunological disorders.



The  
Hepatitis B  
Program

## Immunization Programs Make Plasma to Fight Specific Diseases, But Where Do We Get This Life-Saving Plasma?



As a Biotest Plasma Center donor, you may be eligible to participate in one of our many specialty plasma programs. When you become a specialty plasma donor, *your plasma* is used to manufacture life -saving immune globulins.

In our hepatitis B program, you will receive immunizations to increase your level of antibodies to this virus. If your plasma meets both FDA and Biotest Pharmaceuticals program requirements, it is manufactured into hepatitis B immune globulin.

Hepatitis B causes inflammation and infection of the liver. It is transmitted via body fluids; therefore, people throughout the health care industry risk exposure to hepatitis B. Thousands of cases of hepatitis B are reported each year.

## How Can You Become an Important Part of the Hepatitis B Program?

### Eligibility

Not all donors are eligible to participate. Laboratory tests are performed on samples of your plasma to determine if you have an acceptable antibody level to qualify for the program.



### What Happens if You are Eligible to Become a Hepatitis B Donor?

You will receive one or a series of hepatitis B vaccine injections upon starting the program. You can continue to donate regularly while on this program. After each donation, a test is done to measure the level of hepatitis B antibodies in your plasma. Donating twice a week will allow us to closely monitor your antibody level.

## How Long Can You Participate in the Hepatitis B Program?

You can be a hepatitis B donor as long as the concentration of antibodies in your plasma continues to meet the minimum level required for eligibility. Antibody response differs from person to person - some donors remain on the program for years.

When your antibody level is no longer high enough, you can return to donating normal plasma or possibly join one of our other immunization programs.

