

# Cord Blood Banking Overview and Options:

## **What is Cord Blood Banking?**

**Cord blood banking is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to collect and store the stem cells found in your child's umbilical cord. Cord blood stem cells have been used successfully in the treatment of more than 70 life- threatening diseases.**

## **Options for Cord blood Banking:**

**Expecting a child can be exciting and overwhelming experience for new and veteran parents. You may have many important decisions to make for your family's future, including choosing a cord blood banking option that is right for you.**

**Family Banking** allows families to save their child's cord blood exclusively for their family's use. This service is available through private cord blood banks that charge a fee to collect, process, freeze, and store you child's stem cell-rich umbilical cord blood for your family' future medical use.

**Cord blood Donation** is a way for you to preserve the potentially life – saving stem cells found in the blood of your child's umbilical cord in a public cord blood bank for the public good. Once you donate the cord blood to a public bank, your family does not retain ownership of the cord blood.

**Discard umbilical cord as waste.** The cells cannot be retrieved for future use.

**I have read the information above and discussed my cord blood banking options with my healthcare provider.**

**I have indicated my choice above.**

**Patient signature**

**Date**

**For Medical Professional's use only.**

**Patient Name:**

**Medical Professional:**

**Cord blood bank:**