

## Far too little to treat everyone: Blood plasma from healed Covid-19 patients

The blood plasma of healed Covid-19 patients shows remarkable results in the treatment of sick people worldwide. This is not surprising, since the antibodies it contains have already made their donor healthy. However, there is far too little plasma available to treat everyone. Therefore, doctors currently have to decide which patient receives the plasma and which does not. In many cases, certainly a decision about life and death.

"It doesn't have to be that way!" Says Thomas Mosbach. He founded the 'Initiative Immuspender' (Initiative Immunity Donor), a register of healthy Covid-19 patients willing to donate. This voluntary and non-profit association of doctors, scientists, pharmacists, marketing experts and ordinary citizens is committed to making therapy with compounds of plasma from healed patients available to everyone.

The initiative is looking for as many volunteer donors as possible who want to help other Covid-19 patients with a blood plasma donation. The association's platform [www.immunspender.com](http://www.immunspender.com) enables volunteers to register as immune donors. The donation itself is not a big act. "Not much more than a little sting!" Is the motto of the initiative. In any case, no surgery or the like is required.

The initiative connects immunity donors and free donation places and thus ensures that as many donation places as possible are permanently busy. "We will find a place for our immunity donors as soon as German studies confirm the results of international studies," adds Dr. Sven Becker, co-founder of the initiative. Discussions are ongoing with many donation centers across the country to save immunity donors from having to travel long distances and to obtain the largest possible amount of plasma.

"Once the procedure is approved, everything will go very fast," Mosbach describes the further procedure. In this way, the immunity donor is brought into contact with the nearest donation center and an appointment is quickly made.

Many university clinics are currently asking for plasma donations from cured Covid-19 patients. That's a good thing. Because they are doing essential research work. "We are there with our immunity donors whenever we are needed. In the first step, we support research clinics in their search for donors. Later we will also refer the immunity donors to donation services," added Becker.

While the research clinics are currently working with the processed plasma, the immunity donations made in donation centers are further broken down. The extracted antibodies are enriched so that a standardized compound is created that can be used anywhere.

It is a fact that all capacities have to be used efficiently for the widespread use of antibody compounds, in the clinics, but also with blood donation services and private providers. Now it is a matter of everyone working hand in hand so that there is enough plasma to treat everyone. The initiative is ready for this and looks forward to donors and partners in the interests of the patients.

For more information and the option to register please visit [www.immunspender.com](http://www.immunspender.com)

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