Blood Bank activities

Dr. P. Farrugia, the Medical Director of the Malta Blood Bank (Haematological and Blood Transfusion Centre) of the S.M.O.M. and financed also by the Cathedral Chapter of Malta, located at Europa Centre, Floriana, tel. no. 20136) reports the following activities for the month of April.

Blood supplied to patients in hospitals: 165 bottles — 69,350 c.c., St. Luke's Hospital (Government) — 161 bottles — 48,550 c.c., All Craig Hospital (Government) — 4 bottles — 1,050 c.c., Blue Sisters Hospital (Private) — 22 bottles — 10,350 c.c., St. Catherine's Hospital (Private) — 15 bottles — 7,200 c.c., St. Dominic Clinic (Private) — 1 bottle — 500 c.c., Private Residence — 2 bottles — 1,000 c.c.

Peak day of blood supplied to hospitals: April 7 — 14 bottles — (9 bottles to St. Luke's Hospital, 2 bottles to St. Catherine's Hospital, 2 bottles to All Craig Hospital, Gozo, 1 bottle to the Blue Sisters Hospital).

Blood donors: 160 donors donated blood to the Centre. This figure includes: Maltese (males 133, females 23, American males 1, females 1, U.K. females 1, French males 1.

Blood donors per district: 1st Place — B'Kara — 16 — (11 males; 5 females). 2nd place — Qormi — 15 — (11 males; 4 females).

Blood grouping: 487 persons were blood grouped during this month. This includes: males 274, females 117, exp. mothers 74, boys 2.

Percentage of blood grouping: O positive — 38.3 per cent, negative — 4.7 per cent, A positive — 42.2 per cent, negative — 3.6 per cent, B positive — 7.5 per cent, negative — 1.5 per cent, AB positive — 2.4 per cent, negative — 0.4 per cent.

All blood issued by the Malta Blood Bank is supplied in disposable Hunter glass bottles, fully processed and screened from various specific diseases, as required by the International Regulations on Blood Banking. All blood supplies and Blood grouping are free of charge. Contributions or donations are not accepted.

The medical Director strongly appeals to the general public particularly to managements of firms, organisations, etc., to send forward their employees to donate blood on regular basis. Giving blood is safe, simple and painless. Just knowing that your gift can be "lifegiving" to someone in need, makes donating a pleasurable, rewarding experience.

It is in the interest of everyone that a stock of blood is always available at the Malta Blood Bank. One has to bear in mind that when blood is taken from a person, it cannot be issued straight away for transfusion. Several laboratory tests have to be carried out on the blood before it is issued and these tests take a lot of time.

BLOOD DONORS POSITION

Dr. P. Farrugia, the Medical Director of the Malta Blood Bank notifies the following Blood Donors' position for the month of April, in connection with the points system for the award of the "Malta Blood Bank Blood Donors' Shield."

No. of donors Malta Electricity Board — 38, Dirghajn il-Malbin 25, Malta Drydocks 18, Inn u Isbot 8, Ghaqda Sergallati, B'Kara 4, Malta Rubber Ltd. 3, Pioneer Corps 3, University 1, Turgand, Youngs & Co. 1, Mercad Malta Ltd. 1, Western G.E.C. Company 1, Efficiency Woodwork 1, American Embassy 1, Forfing Textile Ltd. 1, Cavalieri Hotel 1, Melita Pharmacy 1, Diamantino Mantle & Co. 1, Lighthouse Toys 2, Verdala Hotel 1, Hunter's Bar 1, Knep Fit Group 1, Pyrotex Ltd. 1, N.A.A.F.I. 1, St. Joseph Convent 1, Foster Clark 1, Mid-Med Bank Ltd. 1, Self-employed 2, Others 28.

Government Depts: Public Works 6, Education 5, Technical Institute, Naxxar 5, Medical & Health 2, Agriculture 3, Post Office 1, Public Lotto 1, Malta Police 1, Civil Prisons 1.

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BLOOD DONORS PER TOWN AND VILLAGE

	Males	Females	Total
Attard	1	—	1
Balzan-in-Cagliaq	1	—	1
Balzan	2	—	2
B'Kara	11	5	16
B'Mugia	1	—	1
Cospicua	4	—	4
Fgura	3	—	3
Floriana	3	—	3
Ghaxaq	1	2	3
Gzira	3	—	3
Hamrun	3	1	4
Kalkara	—	1	1
Luqa	1	—	1
Lija	2	—	2
Marsa	1	—	1
M'Scala	2	—	2
M'Xlokk	1	—	1
Mellieha	1	—	1
Mosta	2	—	2
Mqabba	7	2	9
Naxxar	4	—	4
Paola	1	1	2
Qormi	11	4	15
Rabat	4	—	4
Safi	1	—	1
Sliema	6	2	8
San Gwann	2	—	2
Senglea	2	—	2
Siggiewi	1	—	1
St. Julians	3	1	4
St. Lucia	2	—	2
St. Paul's Bay	2	—	2
Tarxien	2	—	2
Valetta	2	1	3
Vittoriosa	—	1	1
Zabbar	6	—	6
Zejtun	4	1	5
Zebbug	2	—	2
Zejtun	2	—	2
Xewkiej	2	—	2
Mosta	2	—	2
Other	2	—	2
Total	135	25	160