

THE AVAILABILITY OF BLOOD

My daughter, while 6 months pregnant, suffered a placenta abruption. She spent 5 days in the ICU and was given over this time period 8 pints of blood and 20 pounds of blood by product to try and stop the loss of blood while bleeding internally for 18 hours. Eventually metal coil chips were inserted in the uterus which coiled themselves around the veins to stop the bleeding. If it weren't for the quick response of emergency medical personal, St Vincent's Hospital staff and the availability of blood she wouldn't be here today. Unfortunately my granddaughter didn't survive but my daughter did and is reassured she can still have children one day.

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