South Texas Blood & Tissue Center

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About Us

South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (STBTC) is a not-for profit community blood center specializing in a variety of services. Blood Services provides blood, plasma, platelets and other blood components to 100 hospitals and clinics in 43 South Texas counties. We have seven convenient donor rooms in South Texas and schedule multiple mobile blood drives each week. GenCure includes Tissue Services, National Marrow Donor Program and Texas Cord Blood Bank. QuaITex Laboratories provides specialized testing for blood and source plasma products.

Affiliations

South Texas Blood & Tissue Center is affiliated with the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB); America’s Blood Centers (ABC), and American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB).

We are also one of the first blood centers in the country to be registered by the International Standards Organization.

Mission Statement

Extraordinary people dedicated to life, hope and safety.
National Marrow Donor Program – Be The Match

Internship Description

Focus Areas:
• **Raise public awareness** – Perform educational presentations.
• **Coordinate registry drives** – Schedule, staff, and train volunteers.
• **Attend registry drives** – Distribute materials, speak with potential donors, and register potential donors with the registry.
• **Process paperwork** – Evaluate consent forms and create packets.
• **Event marketing** – Create, edit, and copy marketing materials.
• **Assist with special projects** – CAMCO at UTSA and Texas State.

Here are some examples of day-to-day duties that an intern will be able to do at Be The Match.

• Work registry drives
• Work booths at health fairs, walks, and other events
• Assist with creating educational presentations
• Perform educational presentations
• Assist with evaluation of completed consent forms
• Assemble donor registration kits
• Assist with search for donor matches
• Communicate with other entities within the fields of organ, tissue, eye, and blood donation
• Communicate with businesses and organizations to further the Be The Match mission
• Be a source of information for the public and community regarding bone marrow donation and registry
• Replenish drive supplies
• Assist with setup and break down of registry drives
• File donor consent forms
• Other miscellaneous daily tasks as they present themselves
Tissue Services

Focus Areas:

- **Donor Coordinating** - speaks with hospital referrals and next of kin for tissue donation
- **Recovery** - done in hospitals, morgues, ME offices
- **Processing** – here on site, very sterile procedure (observation only)
- **Distribution** – distribute tissue worldwide
- **Hospital Development** – education (such as new nurse orientations, eye bank, organ bank, etc.)
- **BEST (Bereavement Education & Support Taskforce) Committee** – provide support to the donor families

Here are some examples of day to day duties that an intern will be able to do in the Distribution focus area (the main area where interns spend their time). The other areas have different duties which can be assigned to interns also.

- Select Aliograft tissues that will be taken to hospitals
- Assist in tracking of tissue inventory
- Organize tissue inventory
- Input patient usage information into TMS system
- File patient usages into storage
- File Return Authorization forms
- Assist in building of cranial flap kits
- Build containers for tissue orders to hospitals
- Return tissue to inventory after return from hospitals
- Place tissue in inventory after release
- Assist in filling Aliograft tissue order to hospitals
- Other miscellaneous daily tasks as they present themselves