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Family cord banking is available where, for example, the mother of a child with leukaemia becomes pregnant. She will be offered the opportunity to collect and bank cord blood when she delivers her new baby. The cord blood is reserved in the bank only for use by this family, for a stem cell transplant, even if it may be a match for others.

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Private cord banks will collect and bank cord blood from a mother for a fee of around £1500. The cord blood is tested for any genetic conditions and stored for 20-25 years and is reserved solely for the use of that family, in case it may be needed. In this case you are banking blood on the off-chance that your child may get ill in the future. Once again, it is for your family use only, even if it might be a match for others.



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