Can a donor donate plasma for the second time?
Yes, he can donate for the second time after a minimum gap of 14 days and with the approval from the doctor.

How many persons can be cured with one person’s plasma?
Two persons.

Is it necessary to take the consent of the recipient for plasma therapy?
Yes. The informed consent of either the patient or of his near relatives is required.

What help does the plasma donor get from the Govt.?
Government bears his travel, food and accommodation expenses and a certificate is issued in his favour.

Who are eligible for Plasma Therapy?
COVID-19 Patients with severe illness are eligible for Plasma Therapy.

Is Plasma Therapy provided free of cost?
Yes, it is completely provided free of cost.

Where can we donate plasma?
A blood bank having Apheresis machine can collect Plasma. For the time being it is available at SCB Medical College Hospital, Cuttack. In near future it will be extended to other places.

What are the tests, the donor is to undergo?
Common tests for blood related diseases are done.

Plasma donation is like blood donation

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Volunteer to donate plasma and save lives from COVID-19

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Plasma Therapy: A new hope to win over corona

The entire World is endeavouring for a drug or a vaccine for corona. But success is still awaited. However, Plasma Therapy is a new hope. Convalescent plasma from Covid patients has proved successful in curing severely affected Covid-19 patients. A lady patient, given the first plasma therapy in Odisha, has been cured successfully which added another glorious chapter to corona battle in Odisha. Hopefully, this strategy will not only become the major method of saving lives from corona but also remove our fear against it.

What is plasma?

Plasma is the liquid component of the blood.

What is its role in Covid-19?

As Convalescent Plasma is rich in Anti covid antibody, it can cure a seriously ill Covid-19 patient.

Who can donate Plasma?

Any person within the age group of 18-60 years, with a body weight of 55 kg. or more and recovered from Covid-19 at least 28 days before, can donate plasma.

Who cannot donate Plasma?

Person having HIV, Malaria, Hepatitis B, insulin dependant diabetis, Cancer, Chronic Heart disease, Chronic Kidney disease, persons under immuno therapy and pregnant / breast feeding woman can not donate plasma.

Is plasma donation painful?

No. It is a process similar to Blood Donation.

Is there any harm to the donor?

No.

Is there any side effect of Plasma therapy?

Minimal side effect as in Blood transfusion may be there which can be well managed. But the benefit to the recipient is high.