

## Manipal Hospitals launches Karnataka's maiden plasma bank for COVID-19 care

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Manipal Hospitals in its effort to ramp up COVID 19 care in South India, has announced the inauguration of Karnataka's first plasma bank for advanced treatment of COVID 19.

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To support the cause, Manipal Hospitals, Old Airport Road urges all COVID recovered patients to come forward and help those in need to win this battle against the pandemic.

A venture benefiting COVID 19 patients registered through an online platform Amber Health to gain access to plasma therapy emerging evidence on the optimal management of COVID-19 suggests that the plasma of a recovered patient contains antibodies that help fight the virus.

This plasma extracted from recovered patients, when injected in a moderately ill patient can help boost immunity and prevent further COVID complications. Plasma therapy is being used widely in India, ever since its first successful human trial in May 2020.

No other treatment suits all in the management of COVID 19. With no vaccines and specific treatment in sight, plasma

therapy appears to be a safe and promising treatment option for many patients suffering from the global pandemic. However, research is still ongoing regarding its absolute benefit in severely ill patients.