

UCSD MEDICAL CENTER AND SCRIPPS MERCY HOSPITAL INVITE THE
PUBLIC TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STUDY OF
AN INVESTIGATIONAL BLOOD SUBSTITUTE IN TRAUMA PATIENTS
TO BE CONDUCTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Trauma-related injuries are a leading cause of death in Americans under 45 years old, affecting more than 2 million persons annually. Nearly one in five trauma victims dies as a result of his/her injuries.

UCSD Medical Center and Scripps Mercy Hospital invite the public to attend a community meeting at which members of their Trauma Services will explain the details of a national clinical study to evaluate an experimental blood substitute in severely injured and bleeding patients who are in shock. Treatment would begin before arrival at the hospital, either at the scene of injury or in the ambulance, and continue through a 12 hour post injury period in the hospital. Only persons over 18 years of age who meet specific study criteria will be eligible for inclusion.

This groundbreaking study is being conducted in accordance with federal regulations permitting an exception from informed consent requirements under 21 CFR 50.24. Dr. David Hoyt, M.D., Chief, Division of Trauma, UCSD and Dr. Michael Sise M.D., Director of Trauma, Scripps Mercy Hospital, will explain these regulations and the study protocol and the potential risks and benefits associated with participation. They will be available to answer questions. Your comments and concerns will be solicited and addressed.

The forum will take place on August 6, 2003 at 7:30PM in the UCSD Medical Center auditorium, located at 200 West Arbor Drive, San Diego. Parking is available in the hospital parking lot.

Members of the media are invited to cover this event.