

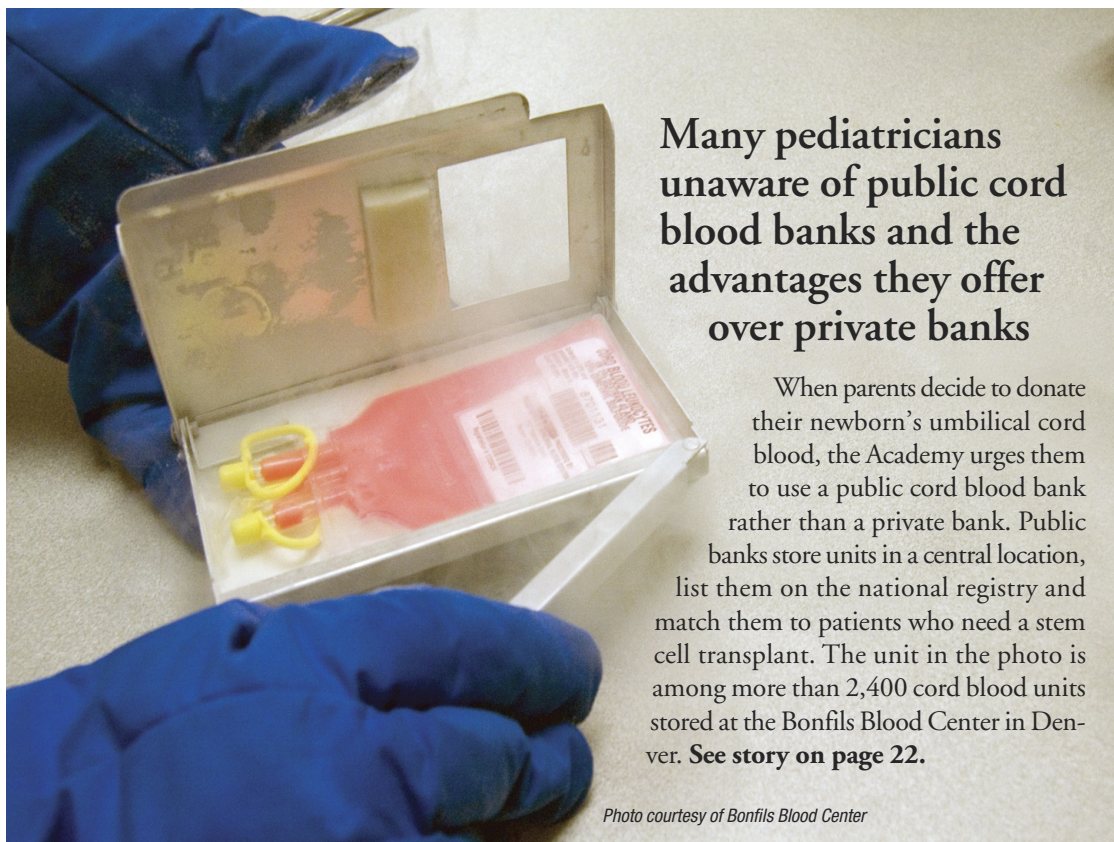


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Many pediatricians unaware of public cord blood banks and the advantages they offer over private banks

When parents decide to donate their newborn's umbilical cord blood, the Academy urges them to use a public cord blood bank rather than a private bank. Public banks store units in a central location, list them on the national registry and match them to patients who need a stem cell transplant. The unit in the photo is among more than 2,400 cord blood units stored at the Bonfils Blood Center in Denver. **See story on page 22.**

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