Donations critical to keep up area blood supply

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Whether it's for routine surgeries or traumatic injuries, an ample supply of blood is always needed at the Tulane Blood Bank. Tulane Health System gets its supply from The Blood Center, which has 14 donation centers across southeast Louisiana and Mississippi.

One pint of blood can save up to three lives. Tim Peterson, Medical Director of Tulane Blood Bank and assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine, explains how a donation that takes a little time has a big impact.