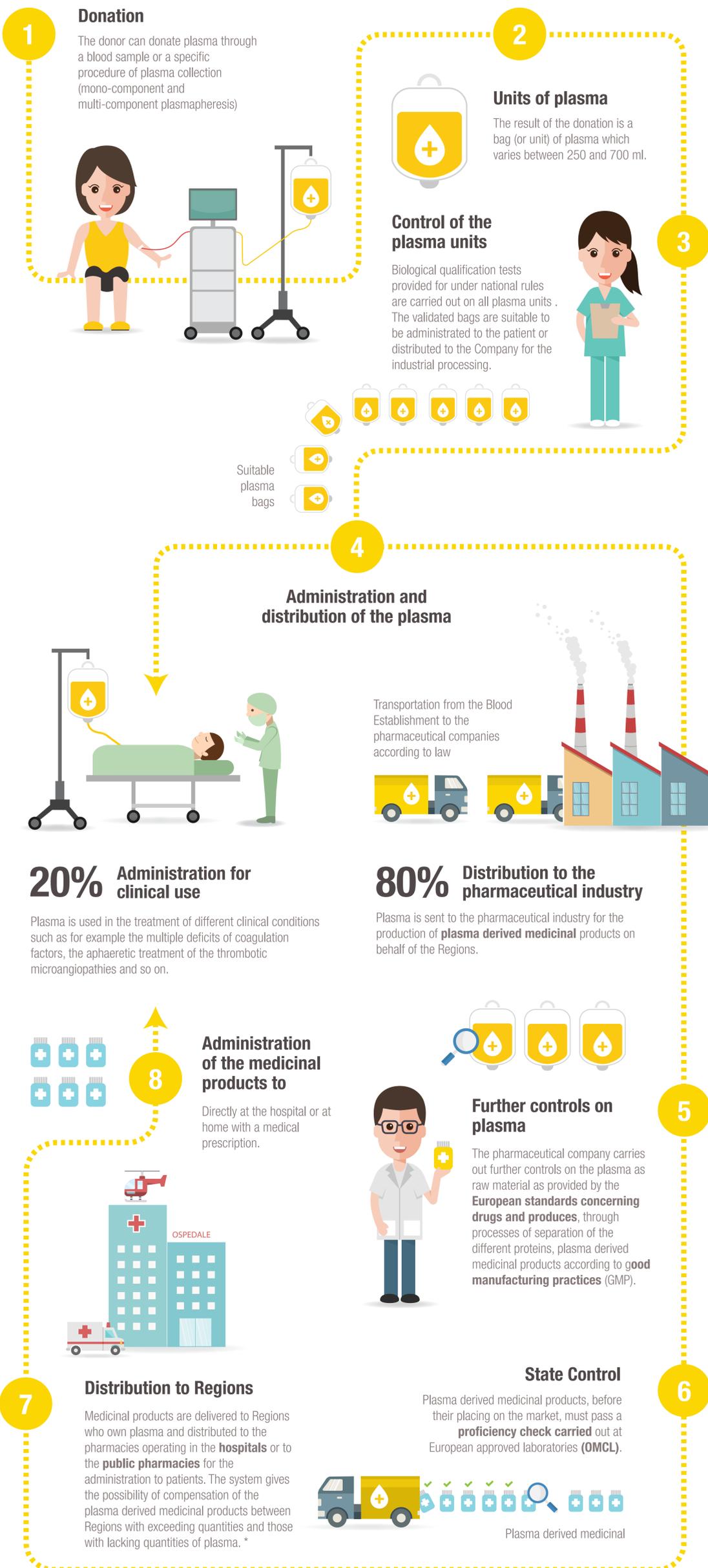


# The system of plasma-derivation in Italy



Plasma represents the raw material for the production, through processes of industrial processing, of plasma derived medicinal products, some of which represent real “life-saving” drugs.

All steps from the **donor** to the **patient**:



(\* If a Region uses a lower quantity of the produced and returned plasma derived medicinal products, compensations are possible between Regions with exceeding quantities and those with lacking quantities of plasma, within the national health mobility.

## The ownership of plasma as raw material collected in the national territory, as well as of the derived medicinal products, is public.

**Regions**, individually or in an associated form, provide plasma to the pharmaceutical Companies through processing contracts that represent an agreement for the production of these medicinal products. The service of plasma processing is attributed from **Regions** to the **pharmaceutical Company** through a public tendering procedure.

## What do Regions do?

1. Provide the collected **plasma** from the Blood Establishments to the authorized companies;
2. Distribute the **plasma derived medicinal** publicheproducts to the pharmacies operating in hospitals or to the public pharmacies.



Currently Italy is ranked among the leading countries in Europe for the quantity of plasma collected and sent to the industrial processing.