



4 ISSUE OF BLOOD COMPONENTS DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS

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Routine blood products* may be issued via the Vacuum Transport System with the exception of plasma derived blood products that are stored in glass bottles with a volume of 10mL or greater. The latter includes, Albumex 4 and 20, Biostate, Intragam, MonoFIX -VF, Prothrombinex-HT and Thrombotrol -VF.

**Due to ongoing quality issues with the KEMH Transport system only plasma derived blood products with a volume of less than 10mL will be issued to KEMH Clinical areas.*

Because of the risk of malfunction, all urgent blood products must be collected directly from Blood Bank.

This includes all products for Theatres.

Following a telephone request from a clinician or nurse, blood products will be issued via the System within minutes on the understanding that a responsible staff member will wait at the receiving station until its arrival. This request will be documented on the Blood Bank telephone log.

Only one unit can be dispatched at a time. Multiple units should be collected directly from the Blood Bank.

The scientist will label each unit with the requesting location and the issue date and time.

Immediately upon receipt, the staff member must deliver the product directly to the bedside.

Infusion should be commenced within 30 minutes of issue.

The Blood Bank must be informed of any delay.