

4 ISSUE OF BLOOD COMPONENTS DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS

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4.4 Storage of Blood Outside the Blood Bank
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4.4 STORAGE OF BLOOD OUTSIDE THE BLOOD BANK

- **Blood MUST be stored in a designated monitored satellite blood fridge.**
- **Blood MUST NEVER be stored in a ward or domestic refrigerator.**

Outside the Blood Bank, satellite blood fridges are located as follows:

PMH Level 6 Satellite Laboratory
PMH Theatre Reception
KEMH Theatre Recovery Room

A blood fridge register is located on or next to each satellite blood fridge.

- **All blood placed in a satellite blood fridge or removed from it MUST be logged on the fridge register.**

The fridge register must be used to log blood in or out of the satellite fridge. All details must be given, including the date and time and name of the staff member.

The transport history of every unit must be fully documented. If the storage history is unknown contact the Blood Bank immediately as the blood may have to be discarded. These incidents will be documented on an AIMS form and will be reviewed by the Blood Transfusion Committee

Blood should not be stored overnight in the theatre blood fridges at KEMH and PMH.

At PMH, post-operative blood should be returned to the PMH Blood Bank during normal working hours or logged in to the Level 6 Satellite Laboratory blood fridge. At KEMH, post-operative blood should be returned to KEMH Blood Bank.

FFP, Platelets and Cryoprecipitate are issued for immediate transfusion and must NOT be placed in a blood fridge. If infusion is delayed contact the Blood Bank immediately.