

## 5 PMH ONLY: THE ISSUE OF BLOOD COMPONENTS FROM THE PMH BLOOD BANK OUTSIDE NORMAL HOURS

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5.2 Crossmatched Blood  
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### 5.2 CROSSMATCHED BLOOD

Crossmatched blood which has been reserved for a specific patient is located in Fridge 2 in the PMH Blood Bank.

Upon removing the blood from the fridge, the collector **MUST** contact the KEMH Shift Scientist by calling them on the telephone. The instructions and contact number/pager number are clearly displayed in the PMH Blood Bank.

The scientist will log the call and issue the blood through the Blood Bank computer system.

Routinely, only one unit of red cells should be taken at a time. However this number may be increased when red cell units are being transferred to a monitored satellite blood fridge e.g. Theatres

The unit must be taken directly to the patient and set up for infusion within **30 minutes** of being removed from the blood fridge.

DO NOT return blood to the Blood Bank without notifying the Shift Scientist.

If transfusion is delayed, red cell units must be logged in to the Level 6 Satellite Laboratory blood fridge within **30 minutes** and the register completed.

**Inform the KEMH Shift Scientist immediately of any problems or delays (Tel 2751 or page 3254)**