

## 2 REQUESTS FOR PRE TRANSFUSION TESTING

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2.6 Crossmatch Expiry  
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### 2.6 CROSSMATCH EXPIRY

Routinely, crossmatched blood will be held for 48 hours from the required time or until sample expiry, whichever is the soonest.

G&H samples are valid for 7 days from the sample collection date and time. However, if the patient has been transfused within the previous 3 months the sample is only valid for 72 hours.

Upon request, it may be possible to extend the holding period up to the expiry date of the sample.

If advice on sample availability or holding period is required, contact the Blood Bank.