

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.**

Blood stocks are held in the monitored controlled fridges in the Blood Bank. Aside from these fridges the only other approved storage is the Theatre satellite blood fridge located in KEMH Theatre Recovery Room

A blood fridge register is located on the satellite blood fridge.

All blood placed in the satellite blood fridge MUST be logged on the fridge register.

All blood removed from the satellite blood fridge 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 as it may not be safe for use.

Any discarded blood products are documented and reviewed by the Hospital Transfusion Committee

Blood should not be stored overnight in the theatre blood fridge. 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.