

# Blood Component and Product Transport Within the Facility

*Applies to former Saskatoon Health region area*

## DO:

- Wear your hospital identification badge
- Bring a completed transfusion pick up slip with patient identification and component or product amount documented
- Use proper personal protective equipment when transporting blood components and products
- Ensure the component or product is placed in a plastic bag for transport within the facility
- Deliver the component or product to the requesting nurse within 10 minutes of pickup from Transfusion Medicine Laboratory
- Return any blood components or products that aren't being transfused within 60 minutes from the time they were issued by Transfusion Medicine Laboratory
- Prepare to wait for a short time if more than one blood component is to be issued, so Transfusion Medicine Laboratory staff may place the components in a cooler
- Wash your hands after delivering a blood component or product to a ward

## DON'T:

- Swing, drop or toss blood components or products around
- Place a blood component or product in a ward refrigerator or near a heat source
- Forget to protect the patient identification information on the Transfusion slip during transport
- Forget to print your name on the Transfusion pick up slip
- Forget to verify the component or product information with the Transfusion Medicine Laboratory staff
- Leave a returned component or component in the Laboratory without connecting with a Transfusion Medicine staff member

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