

Transfusion Specimen Requirements and Time Frames

Transfusion specimen requirements - all sites:

Test	Specimen(s)
Blood group, antibody screen, cross match	1 x pink EDTA 6ml
Neonatal blood group, cross match	Paediatric Pink EDTA
Child age >4 months	1 x lavender EDTA 3ml
Direct antiglobulin (Coombs) Test	1 x Pink EDTA 6ml
Kleihauer Test	1 Pink 6ml EDTA

JPUH Time Frames

When requesting Platelets please ensure that you try to telephone your request to enable delivery within the following time frames:

Order cut-off time	Delivery time	Delivery type
08.30	Approx. 12.30	Routine
11.30	Approx. 15.30	Ad Hoc
13.00	Approx. 18.00	Routine

NNUH Time Frames

If platelets are required then these may need to be requested from NHSBT specifically for the patient. In order to allow for delivery on the routine transport please contact the transfusion lab before the order cut off time.

Order cut-off time	Expected time of delivery
08:00	11:00
13:00	17:00

QEH Time Frames

One unit of stock platelets is kept on site. For other routine platelet orders they should be requested by clinicians via the Transfusion Laboratory before the cut off time to allow for routine delivery. We have one delivery per day.

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Order cut off time	Expected time of delivery
09.00	13.00

Delivery times for urgent blood components runs at approximately 2 hours from Cambridge and adds additional costs to the trust for both ad hoc van deliveries and “Blue Light” deliveries.

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