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Transfusion Specimen Requirements and Timeframes

Changes from previous revision
 Change specimen information from lavender tops to pink tops and increase the volume from 3ml to 6ml for the Kleihauer Test.

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Transfusion specimen requirements - all sites:

| Test | Specimen(s) |
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| 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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