

Blood is a precious resource generously donated by volunteers.

Millions of dollars' worth are discarded unnecessarily each year.

Everyone can do their bit to reduce the waste:

- Red blood cells can only be stored in an AS3864 compliant monitored blood refrigerator
- Do **NOT** place red blood cells in a ward or pharmacy fridge
- Remember the **30 minute rule**: start the transfusion or return to the laboratory within 30 minutes

**Stop and Think...
Stop the Waste!**

For more information on blood and blood products visit www.blood.gov.au/stophewaste to access the latest information.

