

# Stop and Think...

# Stop the Waste!

Blood is a precious resource generously donated by volunteers.

Millions of dollars' worth are discarded unnecessarily each year.

**Stop!**

Do **NOT** place fresh blood or blood products in a ward fridge

**Think!**

Red blood cells can only be stored in an AS3864 compliant monitored blood refrigerator

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Do **NOT** refrigerate platelets - store at 20° to 24° C

**Think!**

Remember the red blood cell **30 minute rule**: start the transfusion or return to the laboratory within 30 minutes

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For more information on blood and blood products visit [www.blood.gov.au/stopthewaste](http://www.blood.gov.au/stopthewaste) to access the latest information.