



NSW Health Pathology – North (Hunter) at John Hunter Hospital Case Study

Video 3: Speed of Release

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“By utilising the electronic blood release feature of eBlood, we are able to avoid the need to have packed cells unnecessarily tagged for patients that are not likely to use the product. This allows us to hold a lower inventory as a greater proportion of stock is available for all suitable patients.”

“An important difference in the way the laboratory runs is that we do a very strict group and save or group and hold policy. If a doctor asks for a two unit cross match but actually hasn’t specified that the patient is about to be transfused, then no units are provided. Units are not tagged for the patient until someone comes to the laboratory to collect them. So if the doctor asks for a two unit cross match, a four unit cross match or a group and save, the laboratory does the same test and waits until they’re there until the units are produced.”