

# Does your patient require irradiated blood?

- **ASK** the patient
- **CHECK** the notes and prescription
- **CONTACT** your transfusion laboratory



The label is attached to the blood component prior to the irradiation process. A blue dot indicates that the unit has been irradiated, if you can see a white dot in the centre of the blue square DO NOT USE and return to the transfusion laboratory.

- Irradiated components minimise the risk of transfusion associated graft-versus-host disease (TA-GvHD). Please refer to the Guidelines on the use of irradiated blood components prepared by the British Society for Haematology, available at: <https://b-s-h.org.uk/guidelines/>