

## **The Update for November 2021**

**Please update your operational documentation following changes to the validated journey times for short journey transport containers**

### **To reflect changes in validated transit times**

A periodic re-validation of our containers that are used by hospitals determined there are changes in validated transit times. This means you will need to update your operational documentation.

<b>Component</b>	<b>Original transit time</b>	<b>New transit time</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Red Cells</b>	7	5.5	Less 1.5 hour
<b>Platelets</b>	8	7	Less 1 hour
<b>Frozen</b>	10	10	No change

Read our [updated information](#) - capacity and time limitations for temperature control; user guide.

Tony Noyce - Hospital Services Lead specialist, Technical and Scientific Development

### **Shortlisted for International Learning Award - Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science (PITS) course**

#### **In the category of Internal Learning Solution of the Year**

This course is now delivered as blended learning and is a collaboration between our Scientific & Clinical Training and Digital Learning Teams.

It includes digital packages, live virtual classrooms, a Virtual Reality (VR) blood grouping activity and two days face-to-face practical work.



Photo above: Betsy Bassis (Chief Executive NHSBT) using the new VR activity to successfully treat her 'virtual' patient.

Ruth Evans, OD Manager - Scientific and Clinical Training, Organisation and Workforce Development

## **Audit of reversal of anticoagulation (warfarin/DOACs) in trauma patients 2022**

### **Preparing for this audit**

Data collection for this audit is from 3 January to 31 March 2022.

Over the next couple of months, please seek approval from your audit department before go-live (3 January) and identify a member of Accident and Emergency staff to help with data collection.

Dr Fateha Chowdhury - Consultant Haematologist

### **Updated Blood Components app**

**The app is free through Apple and Google Play app stores and as a web-based version**

The PBM (Patient Blood Management) team has recently updated the Blood Components app which incorporates the National Blood Transfusion Committee Indication Codes for Transfusion in Adults (updated 2020) and the 2016 British Society for Haematology Guideline on transfusion for fetuses, neonates and older children (2020 addendum).

Existing users will receive an automatic update.



The app is free through Apple and Google Play app stores and as a [website](#).

Anne Davidson - Education Lead, Patient Blood Management

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