

Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services

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- **Annexe 5.1** - Red Cells in Additive Solution, Leucocyte Depleted, Extended Shelf Life

November 2019

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- **Chapter 7** - Platelets in Plasma and Additive Solution for Neonatal Use, Leucocyte Depleted

April 2017

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- **Chapter 7** - Use of plasma from first time donors

January 2017

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August 2016

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- Chapter 7 - Removal of red cells from a controlled temperature environment

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June 2016

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January 2016

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December 2015

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- [Chapter 7](#) - Platelets in Additive Solution and Plasma, Leucocyte Depleted

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- [Chapter 9](#) - Removal of Chapter 9.4.2. and Figure 9.6 in Chapter 9

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- [Chapter 25.6](#) - Table 25.5: Protocol 000001 – blood component dispatch information

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- [Chapter 25.6](#) - Tables 25.4 and 25.5: Protocol 000001 – blood component dispatch information

June 2014

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- **Chapter 12.11.2** - Blood and blood components from group O donors with high titres of anti-A, anti-B and/or anti-A,B
- **Chapter 7.12.1** - Platelets in Additive Solution, Leucocyte Depleted

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Shelf-life (when frozen) of FFP, cryoprecipitate, cryodepleted plasma and MB-treated FFP

- **Chapter 7.15** - Fresh Frozen Plasma, Leucocyte Depleted
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- **Chapter 7.18** - Cryoprecipitate Pooled, Leucocyte Depleted
- **Chapter 7.20** - Plasma, Cryoprecipitate Depleted, Leucocyte Depleted
- **Chapter 7.27** - Fresh Frozen Plasma, Neonatal Use, Methylene Blue Treated and Removed, Leucocyte Depleted
- **Chapter 7.28** - Cryoprecipitate, Methylene Blue Treated and Removed, Leucocyte Depleted
- **Chapter 7.33** - Cryoprecipitate, Pooled, Methylene Blue Treated and Removed, Leucocyte Depleted

June 2013

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- **Chapter 7.33** - Cryoprecipitate, Pooled, Methylene Blue Treated and Removed, Leucocyte Depleted

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- **Annexe 3** - Platelets in Additive Solution and Plasma, Leucocyte Depleted, Pathogen-reduced