

Note: This is one of a series of one-page publications from William Laboratories aimed at passing along information from our customers they have found to work in their blood banks. We hope you find the information helpful.

## O-Negative Block Releases Returned to Blood Bank

Having a Safe-T-Vue® Temperature Indicator pre-applied to all O-Negative blood bags can help assure they have been maintained within compliance temperatures and can be returned to inventory when returned to the blood bank.

Depending on the transport system used by a blood bank, two easy-to-implement, similar methods are described here.

Transport by Pneumatic Tube System (PTS) [Refer to our *Pneumatic Tube Systems and Use of Safe-T-Vue® Temperature Indicators on Blood Bags* for suggested packing of blood for PTS transport.]

1.
  - a. Prepare all paperwork ahead of time
  - b. Apply Safe-T-Vue Nonreversible Temperature Indicator to each bag
  - c. Store in a pneumatic tube 'bullet' in refrigerator ready to send
  - d. Returned bags can be inspected to assure they have been stored and returned within compliance temperature
2. Transport by Cooler
  - a. Prepare all paperwork ahead of time
  - b. Apply Safe-T-Vue Nonreversible Temperature Indicator to each bag
  - c. Store in refrigerator ready to send separately or bundled
  - d. Returned bags can be inspected to assure they have been stored and returned within compliance temperature

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