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| Blood Component | Specifications | Timeframe before available for transfusion | Collection Details |
| Red Blood Cells | **Emergency O Negative Uncrossmatched** | **Immediately**  Phone blood bank  Box Hill – 9895 3487  Maroondah – 9871 3575  Angliss – 9764 6136 | **Send staff straight to Blood Bank (BB) with *Collection of Blood Products form.***  *N.B. Blood Bank must be notified which patient received the blood after transfusion is completed.* |
| **Crossmatched- Urgent**  Group and hold sample required. | **~45 minutes**  (urgent specimens only) | Send staff to BB with ***Collection of Blood Products form.*** |
| **Crossmatched-**  **Non-urgent**  Group and hold sample required. | **Within 3 hours** |
| **Crossmatched**  **If valid group and hold is available** | **~10-30 minutes** |
| ***Please note that if antibodies are present then the timeframe for availability of blood can increase significantly.*** | | | |
| FFP (Plasma) and Cryoprecipitate | FFP and cryoprecipitate require thawing before issue. | **~20 minutes** for emergency issue AB FFP/Cryoprecipitate  **~30 minutes** for known blood group (EHP historical record)  **~60 minutes** for unknown blood group and requires group and hold sample. | Send staff to BB with ***Collection of Blood Products form.*** |
| Platelets | There is a limited supply of platelets available in the BB at BHH. | If platelets are ordered from the ARCBS then allow **~2 hours** for supply. |