# Standard Work: Remove blood from a satellite fridge

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## Process Summary
Instructions for removing blood from a satellite fridge.

## Objective
To ensure that clinical and allied staff follow the correct procedure for removing blood from a satellite fridge.

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<td>Bring the front sheet of patient chart to the satellite fridge.</td>
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| 2 | Locate the required blood component by reading the patient identifiers on the transfusion record for the blood component. | ![Transfusion record](image2.png) | Patient safety  
To ensure right product for right patient. | |
| 3 | Inform the charge nurse and TML (7388) **immediately** If you are unable to locate the blood for the patient. | | To alert the staff that the blood is not in the satellite fridge | |
| 4 | Remove the blood from the fridge. | | | |
| 5 | **COMPARE the patient details:**  
- First and last name  
- DOB  
- MRN  
**With patient details on:**  
- front sheet of patient chart  
- Product Tag  
- Transfusion Record | ![Front sheet of patient chart](image3.png) | Patient safety  
To ensure right product for right patient. | Front sheet of patient chart.  
Transfusion Record. |
If you have removed blood for the wrong patient and/or wrong component

- return the blood component to the same location within the fridge immediately
- repeat steps 2, 4, and 5

| 6 | Patient safety
To ensure right product for right patient. |

Complete the “satellite fridge tag”

- Record the time you removed the blood component from the satellite fridge in the “removed from satellite fridge” section

| 7 | Satellite Fridge Tag
To track the time the blood is out of temperature controlled storage. |

Proceed to the patient location immediately.

| 8 | To avoid delays. |

Hand the blood component to a RN or anesthesia assistant.

| 9 | Click here to watch a short video. |

**Cross-References**

Transfusion Medicine Standard Operating Procedures

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**Version History**

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