**Blood Product Tip Sheet**

Blood Return Times - from the time a unit leaves the Blood Bank:

 

**Red Blood Cells** – 20 minutes

**Thawed Plasma** –

20 minutes

 

**Thawed Cryoprecipitate** – No limit, product expires in 6 hours

**Platelets** –

60 minutes

Transfusion Guidelines per Lippincott:

* Ensure that the transfusion is started within the facility-designated time of removal from transfusion services **(20 minutes).**
* Administer as the patient can tolerate, usually over 1½ to 2 hours, but complete the transfusion within 4 hours.
* Critical note: If there is an unexpected significant delay once blood product is picked up/sent up and the transfusion cannot be completed within 4 hours, **return the unit to blood bank immediately.**

Temperature Monitoring:

 

Temperature reading devices: Blood stored in coolers outside of the blood bank is monitored using a temperature indicator on each red blood cell unit.

* White/Speckled – OK to use
* Red – Call the Blood Bank

