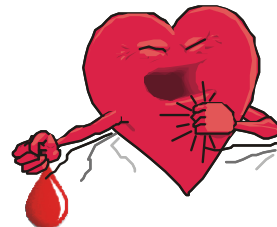




Peninsula Health



Fact Sheet

For patients

Your treatment requires you are to receive a Fresh Blood Product transfusion. These products are provided by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS) and are collected from volunteer donors. All blood products must pass various tests to ensure they are clear of diseases before they are can be given to patients.

As with all treatments there are risks and benefits associated with the transfusion of blood products. Your doctor should discuss these with you. There is a brochure available if you wish, just ask you nurse for a copy.

A reaction to a blood transfusion is uncommon. However, tell your nurse or doctor if the following symptoms occur during or up to six hours after your blood transfusion:

**Chills • Fever • Nausea • Rash • Itching
Pink-colour urine • Difficulty breathing**

A delayed reaction can occur 3 to 7 days following transfusion, you could experience:

**Fever
Yellow skin colour or eyes
Dark urine**

Delayed Reaction to blood transfusion is usually non-life threatening and can occur within 2 weeks following a transfusion.

Usually no treatment is needed but your doctor should be informed

If you have any questions about your transfusion ask your doctor or nurse