

Packing Supplies and Configuration for Returning Red Cells to Your Blood Center

RBCs may be returned when allowed by the service agreement and the proper packing configuration is followed. Packing supplies are available from your blood center.

Packing supplies

- SS-76 Shipping Container
- Absorbent Pads (white/blue, 9x9 inches)
- Blood Shipper Ice: Do not store at temps colder than -35C. If stored at <-20C, leave ice at ambient room temperature for at least 20 min. prior to packing. Ensure ice is frozen solid prior to packing shipping container.
- Gel packs (8 oz): Equilibrate to a temperature of 1-6C.

Packing Instructions

1. Place 2 absorbent pads inside the container, absorbent side up.
2. Insert inner cardboard sleeve.
3. Place one frozen solid blood shipper ice on each end of the cardboard sleeve, between the sleeve and the container wall.
4. Place components on top of the absorbent pads. If shipping less than 5 components, use 1 refrigerated gel pack for each component needed to get to 5. Example, if you are shipping 3 components, add 2 gel packs.
5. Place 2 absorbent pads, absorbent side down, on top of components.
6. Close and secure container.
7. Ship to your blood center to ensure container is received within 8 hours.

