

Initial Notification Platelet Component**Sample only****Initial Notification of a Potentially Bacterially Contaminated Component****URGENT ACTION REQUIRED**

The following blood donation subject to this recall has tested positive in the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS) bacterial culture system.

Component: Pooled Platelet
 Apheresis Platelet
 Paediatric Apheresis Platelet

Donation Number: _____

Hospital/Laboratory to which Component was issued: _____

Date of Notification: ____/____/____

ARCBS Recall Number: _____

At this stage, the result is an Initial Machine Positive (IMP). This means that the ARCBS bacterial culture system has indicated that there may be bacterial growth in the sample taken from the component and inoculated at the ARCBS laboratory. Some of these initial positives are not confirmed on subsequent investigation, and bacteria are not isolated and are therefore false positives. It is important, however, that you and the relevant clinicians are informed about this result.

Action you need to take:

If the component has not been transfused then you will need to immediately withdraw it from your inventory and return it to ARCBS as part of the recall process.

OR

If the component has been transfused you will need to urgently inform the treating clinician of the patient who received the component. This will enable early clinical review and consideration of recipient blood cultures and antibiotic intervention as appropriate. If the patient has experienced any adverse reactions to the transfusion, it is important that these be reported to ARCBS as soon as possible.

What happens next?

ARCBS will forward the sample for a Gram stain and further culture. If organisms are seen on Gram stain, bacterial species identified or there are any other relevant results, ARCBS will contact you immediately with a progress report if the component has been transfused to a patient.

At the conclusion of the investigation, ARCBS will send a final report.

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions or concerns or require any further information, you may contact the ARCBS National Recall Office at any time on **1300 664 260**. If desired, the National Recall Office Staff can arrange for you to discuss this notification with a Transfusion Medicine Specialist.