

Validation begins

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When do we validated

- Platelets are usually validated between
- 17.00 and 19.00 on Day 2
- Gives us 5 and a bit days expiry
- Platelets validated Wed to Sun
- We currently only produce Apherisis platelets

What groups do we get

- Collections aim to provide us with a balance of groups based on demand but biased towards Rh neg and CMV neg
- Ultimately dependendent on our donors been able and willing to meet their appointments

How many do we get

- Average of 50 ATD,s 5 days per week
- This is broadly equivalent to our demand

Does this match what we need

- Monthly Platelet production at Newcastle
Approximates to demand
- It doesn't always match on a day to day basis
- We don't always have the right platelets at the right time

How do we manage our stocks to Meet demand 1

- FIFO
- National stock management
- Telecon every weekday 10.00
- Duty Hospital services Managers
- SMA

How do we manage our stocks

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- Substitutions

Expiries

- We are all under pressure to reduce platelet wastage and we need to remember
Platelets are not Just a product, but a valuable gift from our donors and we are merely temporary custodians.