



New Platelet Storage Whakatane

Whakatane transfusion laboratory is now able to store platelets on site due to the attainment of a new platelet storage system, with 1 adult dose of platelets available for the majority of the time.

This enables patients to receive platelets on site in Whakatane and especially benefits those including trauma and maternity patients who can have access to platelets immediately. It also allows local patients with planned platelet transfusions to have their treatment closer to home.

In order to minimise wastage, the Whakatane laboratory will transfer short expiry platelets to Tauranga. Communication between the transfusion laboratory and clinical staff around platelet provision for patients is therefore appreciated and will ensure a logistically efficient system is achieved.

Any questions, please contact:

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