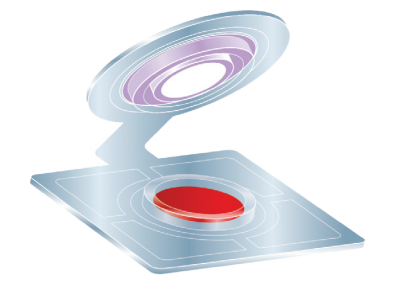


# Feeling out of control ?

## Was the blood really kept < 6°C



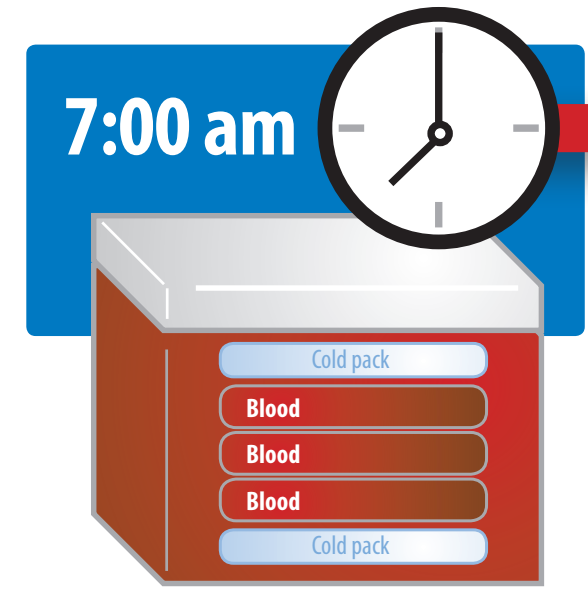
Auditors are citing violations of the 6°C storage temperature limit with increasing frequency in situations where blood leaves the blood bank and is returned for reissue.



Safe-T-Vue® 6  
Nonreversible Temperature Indicators

From the time the blood leaves the blood bank, until it's returned, it's out of your control. Get control by monitoring the temperature - then you know if it's safe to return it to inventory.

**1** Blood issued from blood bank in packed cooler



**2** This period is now being defined as TEMPORARY STORAGE if blood may be returned to blood bank for reissue

Compliance with 21CFR600.15(a) and 21CFR640 requires blood products to be maintained below the upper temperature limit when in storage



The "GRAY AREA"  
Out of blood bank control

**3** Unused units returned to blood bank

**BIG QUESTION**  
Return to inventory?

**10:30 am**

- ? Was blood kept in cooler for entire 3.5 hours
- ? Was cooler re-packed correctly
- ? Has blood exceeded 6°C temp limit

