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About Blood Temperature Indicators

Safe-T-Vue[®]

Irreversible Temperature Indicators

B Things You Need to Know

Accuracy Matters

Of the indicators on the market, one is clearly less accurate. Indicator A can reach endpoint at 9 degrees, resulting in wasted blood – blood that may actually be in compliance.



Performance Varies Greatly

The fine print for a competing indicator clearly states that AFTER ACTIVATION, the temperature of the blood needs to be brought back down to its 8°C "Stop Temperature" to avoid **premature indication.**

This means that the indicator could prematurely indicate at a temperature as low as 8°C if the blood bank doesn't take the extra step to ensure that the blood, after attaching an activated indicator, is cooled below this "stop temperature".

Lower Price May Not Be Lowest Cost

Comparing indicator purchase price may make it seem like an easy choice. However, the actual COST of an indicator that is:

- poor performing
- less accurate or
- unreliable

is dramatic in comparison to the cost of **wasted blood products.**

Knowing that, on average:

- blood banks receive a significant amount of issued blood back
- ONE unit of wasted blood may cost the blood bank \$250

It only makes sense that a more reliable indicator that reaches endpoint at 9.6°C (and not as low as 8.0°C) is a more cost effective choice.

A competing indicator supplier ships extra indicators with each order because "autoactivation may occur...."?

Do you trust a product to protect your blood supplies that may "auto activate"?

Would you be discarding expensive blood products because of an unreliable indicator?

Handy Tip



Safe-T-Vue lot-by-lot QA documents are posted on our website for easy customer access and prove that Safe-T-Vue is manufactured to quality standards.

http://williamlabs.com/support/qa-documentation

