

Blood Product Packing Specifications – Hospital Reference Guide

Materials/Instructions/Max # Products Diagram Packing Instructions

Whole Blood (WB), Red Blood Cells (RBC), and Liquid Plasma (LP) WINTER (October through May)

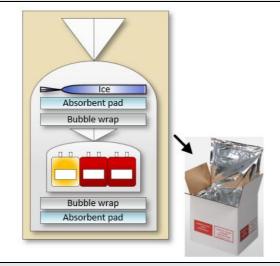
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Materials:

- 1 bag of wet ice (see requirements below)
- 2 plastic bags
- 2 pieces of absorbent pads
- 2 pieces of bubble wrap

Wet Ice Requirements		
# of Products	Volume of Wet Ice	
1-9	64 oz	
10 – 20	96 oz	
12 – 30	128 oz	

Max # of Products	
Product Type	Max #
RBC/LP	≤ 30
WB	≤ 9



- 1. Prepare one bag of wet ice following "Wet Ice Requirements".
- 2. Insert and line the box with a plastic bag (outer bag).
- 3. Place one absorbent pad inside the outer bag.
- 4. Place one piece of bubble wrap on top of the absorbent pad.
- 5. Insert and line the box with a second plastic bag (inner bag).
- 6. Place the products inside the inner bag in upright row(s).
- 7. Close the inner bag with a rubber band or knot.
- 8. Place one piece of bubble wrap on top of the closed inner bag.
- 9. Place one absorbent pad on top of the bubble wrap.
- 10. Place the prepared wet ice bag on top of the absorbent pad.
- 11. Close the outer bag with a rubber band or knot.

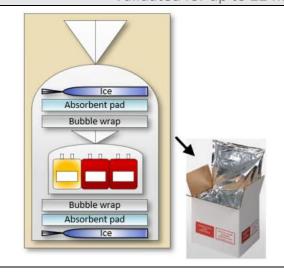
Whole Blood (WB), Red Blood Cells (RBC), and Liquid Plasma (LP) SUMMER (June through September) Validated for up to 22 hours

Materials:

- 2 bags of wet ice (see requirements below)
- 2 plastic bags
- 2 pieces of absorbent pads
- 2 pieces of bubble wrap

Wet Ice Requirements		
# of Products	Volume of Wet Ice	
1-9	64 oz	
10 – 20	96 oz	
12 – 30	128 oz	

Max # of Products	
Product Type	Max #
RBC/LP	≤ 30
WB	≤ 9



- Prepare two bags of wet ice following "Wet Ice Requirements" (each bag should contain listed volume).
- 2. Insert and line the box with a plastic bag (outer bag).
- 3. Place one prepared wet ice bag inside the outer bag.
- 4. Place one absorbent pad on top of the wet ice bag.
- 5. Place one piece of bubble wrap on top of the absorbent pad.
- 6. Insert and line the box with a second plastic bag (inner bag).
- 7. Place the products inside the inner bag in upright row(s).
- 8. Close the inner bag with a rubber band or knot.
- 9. Place one piece of bubble wrap on top of the closed inner bag.
- 10. Place one absorbent pad on top of the bubble wrap.
- 11. Place one prepared wet ice bag on top of the absorbent pad.
- 12. Close the outer bag with a rubber band or knot.

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Room Temp Platelets and Granulocytes

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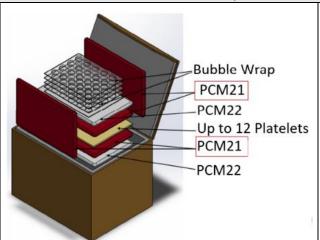
Materials:

- MaxQ Shipper (20-24°C)
- 4 PCM21 (pink/red)
- 2 PCM22 (clear or off white)
- Bubble wrap (amount as needed)

IMPORTANT: Ensure MaxQ Shipper and PCMs are stored at room temperature prior to packing (20-24°C).

Max # of Products		
Product Type	Max #	
Room Temp Platelets	≤ 12 (bags)*	
Granulocytes	≤ 12	

*NOTE: A single platelet that is stored in 2 bags counts as 2 bags



- 1. Place one PCM22 on the bottom of the box.
- 2. Place one PCM21 on top of the PCM22.
- 3. Place products lying flat with alternating ports on top of the PCM21.
- 4. Place one PCM**21** on the front wall (long side opposite of the lid) of the MaxQ Shipper.
- 5. Place one PCM21 on the back wall (long side where lid attaches) of the MaxQ Shipper.
- 6. Place one PCM21 on top of the products.
- 7. Place one PCM22 on top of the PCM21.
- 8. Place bubble wrap over PCM22 to fill the excess space.
- 9. Close the lid.

Cold Stored Platelets (CSP)

Validated for up to 36 hours

Materials:

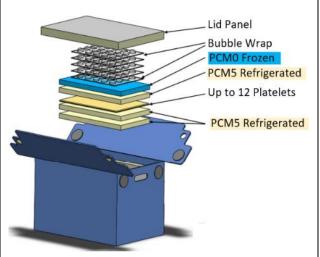
- MaxPlus Platelet Shipper (1-10°C)
- 1 PCM0 Frozen (blue)
- 3 PCM5 Refrigerated (yellow)
- 1 Insulation Lid Panel
- Bubble Wrap (amount as needed)

IMPORTANT: Ensure PCM0 and PCM5 have been stored at the specified temperature for a minimum of 24 hours prior to packing:

- PCM0 must be stored at < -20°C.
- PCM5 must be stored at 3-5°C.

Max # of Products	
Product Type	Max #
Cold Stored Platelets	<12 (bags)*

*NOTE: A single platelet that is stored in 2 bags counts as 2 bags



- 1. Place two PCM5 Refrigerated on the bottom of the box.
- 2. Place products with alternating ports on top of the PCM5 Refrigerated.
- 3. Place one PCM5 Refrigerated on top of the products.
- 4. Place one PCM0 Frozen on top of the PCM5 Refrigerated.
- 5. Place bubble wrap on top of the PCM0 Frozen to fill the excess space.
- 6. Place the insulation lid panel on top of the bubble wrap with the black gasket material facing down.
- 7. Close the lid flaps to secure the container.

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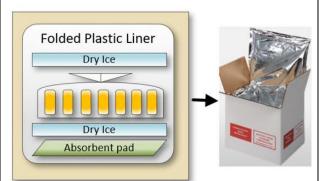
Frozen Plasma (FP), Cryo Poor Plasma (CPP), Pooled Cryo, and Single Cryo

Validated for up to 24 hours

Materials:

- 2 plastic bags
- Dry Ice Pellets: 128 oz divided
- Absorbent pad
- Bubble Wrap (as needed)

Max # of Products		
Product Type	Max #	
FP/CPP	≤ 10	
Pooled Cryo	≤ 20	
Single Cryo	≤ 50	



- 1. Insert and line the box with a plastic bag (outer bag).
- 2. Place absorbent pad inside the outer bag.
- 3. Place 64 oz of dry ice over the absorbent pad, ensure you cover the absorbent pad completely.
- 4. Insert and line the box with a second plastic bag (inner bag) on top of the dry ice.
- 5. Stack the products on their long side inside the inner bag.
- 6. If there is any empty space around the products, insert bubble wrap to fill the excess space to prevent movement of products.
- 7. Close the inner bag with a rubber band or knot.
- 8. Add 64 oz of dry ice to cover closed inner bag.
- 9. Fold the outer bag into the box. Do NOT rubber band or knot the outer bag.