

The risks of therapeutic procedures must be explained by a knowledgeable, responsible person according to approved policies and procedures. The patient must have the opportunity to ask questions, and should sign a document indicating agreement.

LB.58 The blood bank and transfusion services use appropriate blood and blood components storage devices.

LB.58.1 The blood and blood components storage devices are:

LB.58.1.1 Designed for the intended use.

LB.58.1.2 Equipped with continuous temperature monitoring system (temperature recording).

LB.58.1.3 Equipped with audio/visual alarm systems.

LB.58.2 The device's alarm and monitoring system conforms with the following:

LB.58.2.1 Activates at a temperature that allows for intervention before the contents reaches unacceptable temperature.

LB.58.2.2 Activates at an area staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

LB.58.2.3 Connected to a separate or DC power supply.

LB.58.3 The alarm system is checked weekly.

LB.58.4 Alarm activation temperatures are checked quarterly.

LB.58.5 The inner temperature of blood storage devices is monitored and recorded at least once a day using a standardized thermometric device.

LB.58.6 In the event of failure of continuous temperature monitoring, temperature recording, or alarm systems, the inner temperature is monitored and recorded every four hours.

Standard Intent:

The storage capacity should be large enough to accommodate the optimal inventory of blood and blood components with a margin for expansion, emergencies and other storage device failures. Refrigerators, freezers, and platelet incubators for blood component storage are available with continuous temperature monitoring devices that would be able to detect a temperature deviation before blood components might be affected. Automated electronic monitoring devices that are available include:

1. Weekly pen and chart recorder
2. Wireless temperature recording devices
3. Connection to centralized temperature monitoring system.

The blood storage devices must be equipped with audible alarms to alert personnel that temperature ranges are approaching unacceptable levels. Central alarm monitoring