**Purpose of Indicators** Used as a quality control indicator to verify transport temperature of blood units has not exceeded 10° C.

**Location of Indicators** Back of the blood unit in the lower portion of the bag.

**DO NOT REMOVE INDICATORS FROM THE BLOOD UNITS**

**STORED IN BLOOD REFRIGERATORS.**

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| **SAFE TO STORE AND TRANSFUSE** | | **RETURN TO BLOOD BANK OR TRANSFUSE WITHIN 4 HOURS OF ISSUE TIME \*\*\*** |
| **<9° C** | **~9.5° C** | **≥10° C** |
| **White or very lightly speckled red** | **~50% speckled red** | **Solid red** |
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**\*\*\*Blood may be safely transfused to the intended patient within 4 hours of the issue time (stamped on Send Blood Form or consult with BB) even when the indicator is solid red.**

**Blood units with speckled indicators that are placed in a blood refrigerator may continue to warm up briefly before chilling. The center dot could change to solid red in this time period. Consult with Blood Bank for questions.**

**Questions? Call Blood Bank at 936-6888.**