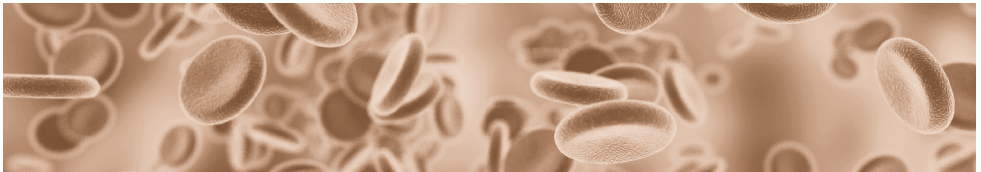


Advice for patients who have received a blood transfusion

You recently received a blood transfusion and there is a very small risk of developing a delayed transfusion reaction after you leave hospital.

These are usually mild in nature and cause very few problems but it is important to report any unusual or unexpected symptoms to your doctor or nurse.

Most delayed reactions occur within 24 hours of the transfusion but can, very occasionally, develop up to 14 days later.





If you unexpectedly experience any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (especially above 38.5°C)
- Shivering or cold chills (rigors)
- Breathing problems
- Blood in your urine
- Itchy skin rash or nettle rash (hives / urticaria)
- Jaundice (yellow colour of the white of your eyes)
- Passing much less, or very dark, urine

Please ring the following number for advice (Mon - Fri, 9am - 6pm):

Contact Tel. No:

At other times including weekends and Bank Holidays or in the rare event of an emergency, contact either of the in-patient wards J88 or J89 on: (0113) 206 9188 or (0113) 206 9189 or J94 Young Adults Unit: (0113) 206 9194.

If it is important that possible transfusion reactions are reported so they can be treated appropriately and quickly if necessary.

If you would like to have further information or advice about this, or other aspects of blood transfusion, please feel free to discuss this with your doctor or nurse.