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through in vivo cell survival and other appropriate tests that the addition of the substance, the materials used and the processing methods results in a final product that meets the required standards of safety, purity, and potency for Red Blood Cells, and that the frozen product will maintain those properties for the prescribed dating period. Section 640.11 (a) and (b) do not apply while a cryophylactic substance is present.


Subpart C—Platelets

§ 640.20 Platelets.

(a) Proper name and definition. The proper name of this product shall be Platelets. The product is defined as platelets collected from one unit of blood and resuspended in an appropriate volume of original plasma, as prescribed in §640.24(d).

(b) Source. The source material for Platelets is plasma which may be obtained by whole blood collection or by plateletpheresis.


§ 640.21 Suitability of donors.

(a) Whole blood donors shall meet the criteria for suitability prescribed in §640.3.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) Plateletpheresis donors must meet the criteria for suitability as prescribed in §§640.3 and 640.63(c)(6) or as described in an approved biologics license application (BLA) or an approved supplement to a BLA. Informed consent must be obtained as prescribed in §640.61.


§ 640.22 Collection of source material.

(a) Whole blood used as the source of Platelets shall be collected as prescribed in §640.4.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) If plateletpheresis is used, the procedure for collection must be as prescribed in §§640.62, 640.64 (except paragraph (c)), and 640.65, or as described in an approved biologics license application (BLA) or an approved supplement to a BLA.

(d) The phlebotomy shall be performed by a single uninterrupted venipuncture with minimal damage to, and minimal manipulation of, the donor’s tissue.


§ 640.23 Testing the blood.

(a) Blood from which plasma is separated for the preparation of Platelets shall be tested as prescribed in §610.40 of this chapter and §640.5 (a), (b), and (c).

(b) The tests shall be performed on a sample of blood collected at the time of collecting the source blood, and such sample container shall be labeled with the donor’s number before the container is filled.


§ 640.24 Processing.

(a) Separation of plasma and platelets and resuspension of the platelets must be in a closed system. Platelets must not be pooled during processing unless the platelets are pooled as specified in the directions for use for the blood collecting, processing, and storage system approved for such use by the Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

(b) Immediately after collection, the whole blood or plasma shall be held in storage between 20 and 24 °C unless it must be transported from the collection center to the processing laboratory. During such transport, all reasonable methods shall be used to maintain the temperature as close as possible to a range between 20 and 24 °C until it arrives at the processing laboratory where it shall be held between 20 and 24 °C until the platelets are separated.