

## **RED BLOOD CELLS Packing Instructions**

Do NOT use freezer packs or ice stored in -20 or -70°C freezer. This super-chilled ice in direct contact with the red cells may cause hemolysis.

### **Instructions for 10"x16" square with ½" insulation – 10 units per box maximum**

- Place absorbent pad on bottom of box
- Add bag of ice to cover bottom of the box. Use double bag to prevent water leakage as ice melts
- Place yellow bag on top of ice.
- Place 1-10 units into yellow bag, spread evenly over the bottom, 2-3 units per layer
- Fold top of yellow bag closed
- Add bag of ice (double bagged) containing at least twice as much ice as blood product. Ice may be placed in either 1 or 2 large bags.
- In hot summer months, additional ice may be used.
- Place silver inner box top in place.
- Place copy of shipping documents on top of inner box top. Close cardboard flaps and tape closed.
- Place destination card in protective clear envelope attached to box.
- Boxes packed according to these instructions have been validated to retain acceptable temperature for a minimum of 24 hours from time packed.

**Instructions for 16"x16" square with 1½ inch insulation - 25 units per box maximum**

- Place absorbent pad on bottom of box
- Place yellow plastic bag in bottom of box
- Place 1-25 units into yellow bag, spread units evenly over entire bottom of box
- Fold top of yellow bag closed
- Add bag of ice (double bagged) containing at least twice as much ice as blood product. Ice may be placed in either 1 or 2 large bags.
- In hot summer months, additional ice may be used.
- Place silver inner box top in place.
- Place copy of shipping documents on top of inner box top. Close cardboard flaps and tape closed.
- Place destination card in protective clear envelope attached to box.
- Boxes packed according to these instructions have been validated to retain acceptable temperature for a minimum of 24 hours from time packed.