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§493.1271 Standard: Immunohematology

(d) Retention of Samples of Transfused Blood. According to the laboratory's established procedures, samples of each unit of transfused blood must be retained for further testing in the event of transfusion reactions. The laboratory must promptly dispose of blood not retained for further testing that has passed its expiration date.

Interpretive Guidelines §493.1271(d)

There is no specific timeframe for retaining donor and recipient blood samples. However, it is common practice to keep these samples for a minimum of seven days after each transfusion in case there is a need for retesting.