



Sun States: Blood Banks for Animals
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Instructions for Administering Blood Components with Satellite Bags Attached

This unit of blood product contains an attached satellite bag. This allows you to conveniently divide the unit into two half-units should you choose to do so without breaking the sterile seal, allowing you to keep each half-unit stored until the expiration date on the full unit.

The blood product is prevented from flowing into the satellite bag by a plastic clip on the tubing that connects the two bags. Four metal clips are also provided to crimp the tubing should you decide to divide the unit.

If You Choose to Infuse the Full Unit at Once

- Simply leave the plastic clip in place and infuse the unit as you normally would.

If You Choose to Divide the Unit in Half

1. Mix the unit thoroughly prior to dividing it.
2. Remove the plastic clip from the tubing connecting the two bags.
3. Hang the full bag from an IV pole, allowing gravity to drain the unit into the empty bag until the desired proportions are achieved (it is not necessary to split the unit exactly in half).
4. Apply the four metal crimps to the tubing to seal the two bags as follows:
5. Fold the tubing over 1-2" from one of the bags
6. Slide the metal crimp over the folded-over section of tubing
7. Use a pair of pliers to squeeze the crimp until it is completely closed
8. Apply a second crimp a short distance from the first
9. Use the remaining two crimps to make a seal 1-2" from the other bag
10. Cut the tubing between the two sets of crimps
11. Be sure that both bags are labeled with the lot number, component type, blood type, and expiration date.

