

Press Release

Blood Banks - Charges for Blood and Blood Components

Blood banks shall mandatorily adhere to the charges fixed by the Government of India for blood and blood components, such as plasma, platelets, etc.

Blood centers will face stringent action if they engage in overcharging for blood and its components

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, uncovered instances of **overcharging by blood banks for blood and its components**, including Fresh Frozen Plasma, Platelet Concentrate, Single Donor Platelets, Packed Red Cells etc., during surprise raids conducted at nine blood centers on 21st and 22nd February.

As per the **“Guidelines for Recovery of Processing Charges for Blood and Blood components”** issued by the National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC), the processing charges are as follows:

PROCESSING CHARGES FOR GOVERNMENT BLOOD CENTRES

Sl. No.	Blood/Components	Processing Charges (in Rupees)
1.	Whole Blood	1100
2.	Packed Red Cells	1100

3.	Fresh Frozen Plasma	300
4.	Platelet Concentrate	300
5.	Cryoprecipitate	200

PROCESSING CHARGES FOR NON-GOVERNMENT BLOOD CENTRES

Sl. No.	Blood/Components	Processing Charges (in Rupees)
1.	Whole Blood	1550
2.	Packed Red Cells	1550
3.	Fresh Frozen Plasma	400
4.	Platelet Concentrate	400
5.	Cryoprecipitate	250

**PROCESSING CHARGES OF OTHER TESTS, COMPONENTS & PROCESSES
(GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT)**

Following charges are for individual tests, components and various processes which are specialized in nature but not part of routine blood processing. The charges of specialized tests, processes and components per unit of blood can be divided amongst other components for same unit.

Sl. No.	Other blood tests, components & processes	Processing Charges (in Rupees)
1.	NAT	1200
2.	Chemiluminescence	500 (Not to be added as additional, as already factored in processing charges)

3.	ELISA Anti HIV 1/2 (4 th Gen)	50 (Not to be added as additional, as already factored in processing charges)
4.	ELISA HBsAg (4 th Gen)	50 (Not to be added as additional, as already factored in processing charges)
5.	ELISA Anti HCV (4 th Gen)	150 (Not to be added as additional, as already factored in processing charges)
6.	Anti HBc	250
7.	Antibody Screening (Donor)	300
8.	Leukofiltration-RBC	1000
9.	Leukofiltration Platelet	1500
10.	Grouping Cross-matching /Automation	280 (Not to be added as additional, as already factored in processing charges)
11.	Grouping Cross-matching / Semi-Automation	120 (Not to be added as additional, as already factored in processing charges)
12.	Phenotyping for Extended Serology	500
13.	Irradiation	1000
14.	Bacterial Detection	400
15.	Platelets (apheresis)	11000

**SURPLUS PLASMA EXCHANGE VALUE IN GOVERNMENT AND NON-
GOVERNMENT BLOOD CENTRES**

Sl. No.	Component	Exchange value for Surplus (excess) plasma
	Surplus Plasma (exchange value)	1600/Litre

**THE ADDITIONAL PROCESSING CHARGES FOR BLOOD COMPONENTS USING
QUADRUPLE BAGS BY BUFFY COAT METHOD ARE AS UNDER**

Sl. No.	Component	Additional Processing Charge for Blood components using Quadruple bags by buffy coat method (in Rupees)
1.	Red Cell	150
2.	Platelet	150
3.	Plasma	100

It is mandatory for all blood centres (Government supported and non-Government supported) to **provide blood/blood component free of cost to the following patients**, who require repeated blood transfusion as a life saving measure:-

- Thalassaemia
- Haemophilia
- Sickle Cell Anaemia
- Any other blood dyscrasia requiring repeated blood transfusion

Processing charges for blood/blood components should be displayed prominently in the blood center premises so that it is conspicuously visible to the recipients.

Blood banks (blood centres) shall mandatorily adhere to the charges indicated above regarding blood and blood components. Stringent action shall be taken as per the law against overcharging blood centres.

The public may report any complaints regarding **overcharging** by blood banks (blood centres) through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969**, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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