

Platelets

Don't use two...



...when one will do

For prophylactic use in a 70kg adult, one adult therapeutic dose (ATD) typically gives an immediate rise in platelet count of

20 - 40 x 10⁹/l⁽¹⁾

This is a one hour increment. Note that the rise in platelet count is immediate so a platelet increment can be obtained 10 minutes after the completion of the transfusion⁽²⁾

Do not administer double dose platelets for prophylactic transfusions as this practice does not decrease the risk of bleeding⁽³⁾

Request and administer one unit/ATD, then reassess your patient.

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