Where does the blood go?

Blood donation process

Donation
- Eat Well
- Drink Fluids
- Bring a Photo I.D.
- Arrive for donation
- Fill out DHF Questionnaire
- Mini Physical Screening
- Phlebotomist begins drawing blood
- Sit in rest area and replenish blood sugar

Lab
- Blood goes to the lab for testing
- Sent to Heartland Blood Center for 13 different tests
- Blood is broken down into components
- Platelets, Plasma and Red Blood Cells
- Carefully labeled and stored awaiting test results to ensure safety
- After “Released” via test results, units go to Distribution storage unit (temp. controlled)

Distribution
- Blood is stored in distribution until needed, carefully monitored in temperature controlled storage
- Call comes from hospital that blood is needed
- Blood placed in temperature controlled boxes, labeled and shipped
- Blood Bank of Alaska ships blood all over Alaska
- Rural hospitals and remote medical centers
- Patients receive the needed blood supply

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