CEGA adds in-flight blood storage and transfusion capability

CEGA Air Ambulance has invested in a bespoke state-of-the-art blood storage system, enabling it to carry out air transfers for critically ill patients that are in need of blood transfusions.

CEGA’s use of Cool Logistics’ thermal carrier units for the transport of blood and blood products allows its air ambulance crews to store and transport blood at a stable temperature for up to 144 hours and, if necessary, to give patients mid-flight blood transfusions—wherever they are in the world.

“CEGA is one of the first fixed wing air ambulance providers to use these thermal carrier units. It extends our critical care transfer service to patients who would in the past have had to break their flight if they needed a blood transfusion, or not have been able to fly at all,” says CEGA’s chief medical officer Dr Tim Hammond.

“Having access to an in-flight blood bank will allow us to carry out potentially life-saving action on the longest of our flights and in the most remote of locations, enhancing our seamless aeromedical care,” concludes Dr Hammond.

Global 6000 kicks-off renewal at NetJet

NetJets’ first Signature Series Global 6000 is now on its way to entering service. Chairman and CEO Jordan Hansell says: “This is the first all-new aircraft of the 670 we have on order.

“We have been successful in selling all the shares in this Global 6000 aircraft and we are excited because it kicks off the overall renewal of our fleet. Our customers expect the very best and we are confident that the Signature Series Global 6000 will exceed their exacting expectations.”

Bombardier says that the jet’s cabin size and levels of comfort combined with an on-board shower and the spacious flight deck mean no comparison terms of high-speed and travel comfort.

NetJets’ new aircraft are customised from production and in the cockpit and cabin to ensure maximum safety and operating efficiency, the series Bombardier Global 6000 Challenger 300 and 600.