

## Transfusion Services

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLACING TRANSFUSION ORDERS

All orders to transfuse blood components must be placed in the electronic medical record.

**NOTE: During HIS downtimes, laboratory downtime forms must be used.**

The provider ordering the blood transfusion is responsible for completion of the order. Nursing staff may initiate the order on a verbal or standing order from the provider.

#### Procedure:

-- The ordering provider must obtain consent for transfusion or verify consent has been previously obtained.

-- The ordering provider must complete all electronic order entry fields using the drop down options when applicable.

**Indication for Transfusion:** Indications for transfusion for each component group provided per product type. These indications are derived from the [Guidelines for Transfusion](#)

**Indication for Irradiation:** Indication for irradiation for red cell products and platelets are listed. These indications are derived from the [Guidelines for Transfusion](#)

**Transfusion Order:** Amount ordered in mL's or units, rate to be given, special instructions (pre-medication), time needed

**Special Requests:** Record requests for volume reduction, washing, etc.

### TELEPHONE ORDERS – EMERGENCIES ONLY

To place a telephone order to prepare components, provide the Blood Bank staff with:

-- the name of the order provider

-- the name and Medical Record number of the patient

-- anticipated time of transfusion

-- component

-- quantity required

**Telephone orders must be followed with a written provider order.**

#### References:

Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, Current Edition, MD: AABB