

Practice Update

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Massive Transfusion Update

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When your patient is in an emergent situation and a massive transfusion is called, do you know how to use that tubing?

A massive transfusion may be initiated by Physicians, NPs, RNs or Blood Bank personnel. Once a massive transfusion has been activated, a runner from the unit goes to the Blood Bank to get a cooler containing blood product, dosing guidelines and this tubing.



This blood filter and syringe is for use in situations requiring rapid IV push of the blood product.

- This tubing is to be used for mass transfusion ONLY, and not to be stocked on the unit



- Use the tubing to spike the bag and draw the blood through the filter into the syringe that comes attached to the filter tubing
- The syringe of blood product is attached to the patient's stopcock or IV site for rapid infusion

This is the **only time the blood product may be separated from the blood tag.