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| St. Anthony Regional Hospital  POLICY/PROCEDURE | Effective Date: | Latest Revised Date:  Reviewed Date: |
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| Title: REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-TRANSFUSION HGB/HCT AND PLATELETS | | Department: Laboratory |

Purpose:

In order to provide acceptable transfusion service, it is the policy of the St.Anthony Regional Hospital Blood Bank to obtain a **pre-transfusion hemoglobin and hematocrit or platelet count** prior to red cell or platelet transfusion unless it is an emergency situation.

*This is a standing order provided by Dr.Jedd Hagen, Pathologist and Medical Director of the St.Anthony Regional Hospital Blood Bank.*

Procedure:

Prior to the transfusion of RBCs or platelets…the laboratory will obtain a hemoglobin and hematocrit or platelet count. This can be done up to one week prior to the transfusion. Use Dr.Hagen as the ordering provider. Print the report from the analyzer and file it in the binder “PRE-TRANSFUSION HGB/HCT AND PLATELETS’ in Blood Bank.

Dr.Hagen will be notified when any of these hemoglobins are >9.0 or platelet counts are >25,000. Document this notification on the report with the date and time of notification.