

**TRAINING UPDATE**

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**DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE REVISION**

**Name of procedure:**

Quality Variance Form Blood Bank

**Description of change(s):**

- a. Form updated per discussion during March staff meeting.
- b. SOP updated to reflect changes to form.
- c. SGMC form will be blue while WAH form will be yellow.

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**1. PURPOSE**

This procedure describes the process for detecting, investigating, and responding to events that result in deviations from accepted policies, processes, and procedures or failures to meet requirements defined by regulatory requirements.

**2. SCOPE**

This procedure applies to any deviation from accepted policy, process, procedure or regulatory requirement.

**3. RESPONSIBILITY**

All blood bank staff members must understand and adhere to this procedure for reporting non-conformances.

**4. DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**5. PROCEDURE**

**Initial Reporting**

Step	Action
1	<p>All non-conformances will be reported via the Quality Variance Form. These include, but are not limited to, deviations from accepted policy, process, procedure, or regulatory requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Suspected transfusion reactions will be documented on the Transfusion Reaction Investigation Form per procedure, Transfusion Reaction Investigation.</li> <li>B. Blood product market lookbacks, recalls, and market withdrawals will be documented per procedure, Blood Product Lookbacks, Recalls, and Market Withdrawals.</li> </ul>

Step	Action
2	<p>Obtain a Quality Variance Form and document the following information in the designated spaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Date of occurrence</li> <li>B. Location of occurrence</li> <li>C. Patient's full name, if applicable</li> <li>D. Patient's medical record number, if applicable</li> <li>E. Accession number of test, if applicable</li> <li>F. Test code or name, if applicable</li> <li>G. Patient location</li> </ul>
3	<p>Check the box that describes the non-conformance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Patient Identification Error           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Incorrect patient drawn by lab (this refers to a situation in which the incorrect patient was drawn and the blood in the tube matches the name on the tube).</li> <li>b. Incorrect patient drawn by nursing (this refers to a situation in which the incorrect patient was drawn and the blood in the tube matches the name on the tube).</li> <li>c. Patient not banded with blood bank armband</li> <li>d. Armband information incomplete or incorrect</li> <li>e. Blood bank armband removed prematurely</li> <li>f. Patient's current ABO/Rh does not match historical ABO/Rh</li> <li>g. Admitting department error in patient identification or merge</li> <li>h. Wrong blood in tube (this refers to a situation in which the label on the tube does not belong to the same person whose blood is in the tube)</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Ordering           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Test or blood products ordered in incorrect patient (computer entry)</li> <li>b. Blood product requested on incorrect patient (transfusion request)</li> <li>c. Incorrect BB number on the request form</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Testing           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Corrected report due to erroneous result</li> <li>b. Clerical/computer data entry error</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Blood Product           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Incorrect label</li> <li>b. Extended expiration date</li> <li>c. Wasted product</li> </ul> </li> <li>E. Specimen           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Not labeled with blood bank labeling system</li> <li>b. Unlabeled</li> <li>c. Double labeled (label beneath blood bank label)</li> <li>d. Misspelled name and/or incorrect MRN</li> <li>e. Label missing one or more required pieces of information (name, MRN, collector's initials, time/date of collection)</li> <li>f. Duplicate specimen</li> <li>g. Specimen collected on patient at incorrect time (T&amp;S drawn when</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Step	Action
	<p>current T&amp;S in BB, fetal cell screen collected prior to delivery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. Collected in incorrect tube type</li> <li>i. Missing specimen</li> </ul> <p>F. Maintenance and Quality Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Temperature out of range; no corrective action</li> <li>b. Temperature not recorded</li> <li>c. QC not documented</li> <li>d. QC failure, no corrective action</li> </ul> <p>G. Issuing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Issued unit did not meet patient's transfusion requirements</li> <li>b. Incorrect product issued</li> <li>c. Autologous or directed products not issued when available</li> <li>d. Product returned outside of acceptable temperature range</li> <li>e. ABO confirmation not completed prior to blood product issue</li> </ul> <p>H. Procedural error</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Failure to follow SOP</li> <li>b. Unclear SOP</li> <li>c. No procedure available</li> <li>d. Tech misunderstood SOP</li> </ul> <p>I. Supplier error</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Manufacturer recall (excludes blood product recalls)</li> <li>b. Incorrect or unfilled order</li> </ul> <p>J. Tech concern (document details on back of form)</p> <p>K. Customer complaint (document details on back of form)</p>
4	<p>Describe the event, applicable details, and immediate corrective actions taken in the free-text box on the back of the form if the details are not obvious from the description of the variance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. For specimen labeling variances, attach a photocopy of the specimen label to the variance form.</li> <li>B. For wastage due to nursing errors, attach a photocopy of the "request for transfusion form" to the variance form.</li> </ul>
5	<p>Determine if the non-conformance is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. An RQI per procedure, Hospital Notification Process for Reportable Quality Issues.</li> <li>B. An FDA-reportable event per procedure, Biological Product Deviation Reporting—FDA Reportable Event.</li> </ul> <p>Notify a supervisor IMMEDIATELY if the non-conformance is an FDA-reportable event or RQI. Document the notification on the front of the form.</p>

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Step	Action
6	Immediately investigate the incident and take appropriate corrective action. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. If the non-conformance involves a blood product that has been issued:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Attempt to retrieve the blood product prior to transfusion.</li> <li>b. If transfusion has begun, notify the transfusionist to stop the transfusion immediately if the potential for patient harm exists.</li> <li>c. Notify the on-call pathologist.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Quarantine all blood products with potential non-conformances prior to issue. Refer to procedure, Quarantine of Blood Products.</li> </ul>
7	If notification was made, document the name of the person notified, the date and time of notification, and your tech code in the notification area of the variance form.
8	Give the Quality Variance Form to a supervisor or place in the designated location.

**Supervisor's Investigation**

Step	Action
1	The supervisor will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Determine the effect, if any, on the quality of products or services.</li> <li>B. Evaluate the effect on interrelated activities.</li> <li>C. Analyze the event to understand root cause (for blood bank errors).</li> <li>D. Report errors via the hospital incident reporting system when other hospital departments are involved and aid in root cause analysis, if performed.</li> <li>E. Implement corrective action and discipline, as appropriate.</li> <li>F. Report to external agencies, when required.</li> <li>G. Confer with the Blood Bank Medical Director and Quality Assurance department, when applicable.</li> </ul>
2	Documentation of the investigation and corrective action (if implemented) will be documented on the back of the form.
3	Determine the level of severity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. No patient impact</li> <li>B. Minor impact = redraw/recollection of specimen, treatment delay, rework, patient inconvenience</li> <li>C. Major impact = Therapy required, increased LOS, change in participation in study, potential for serious injury, or more significant outcome</li> </ul>
4	Completed forms will be forwarded to the Blood Bank Medical Director when the error involves a blood product or blood bank process. The Medical Director will review the non-conformance and approve corrective action by signing the form.

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Step	Action
5	All completed forms will be forwarded to the Quality Assurance department for tracking and trending.

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- Form: Quality Variance Form (AG.F15)
- SOP: Transfusion Reaction Investigation
- SOP: Blood Product Lookbacks, Recalls, and Market Withdrawals
- SOP: Biological Product Deviation Reporting—FDA Reportable Event.
- SOP: Hospital Notification Process for Reportable Quality Issues
- SOP: Quarantine of Blood Products

**7. REFERENCES**

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- b. Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, 29th ed. AABB Publishing, Bethesda, Maryland.

**8. REVISION HISTORY**

Version	Date	Reason for Revision	Revised By	Approved By
		Supersedes WAH-SGAH B835a.01		
000	3.4.15	Section 5: Updated procedure to reflect changes to form; removed requirement to document whether sample redrawn or corrected report issued; updated levels of severity Section 6: Updated list Footer: Version # leading zero's dropped due to new EDCS in use as of 10/7/13.	SCodina	NCacciabeve

**9. ADDENDA AND APPENDICES**

None

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Occurrence Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Occurrence Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_ (L Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (F Name) MR# \_\_\_\_\_

Accession #: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient location: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Description of Variance (specify the incident). Check the appropriate box below.**

Patient Identification Error	Specimen	Issuing
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect patient drawn by lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Not labeled with blood bank label	<input type="checkbox"/> Issued unit did not meet transfusion requirement
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect patient drawn by nursing	<input type="checkbox"/> Not labeled	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrong product issued
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient not banded with blood bank armband	<input type="checkbox"/> Double labeled (label beneath BB label)	<input type="checkbox"/> Autologous or directed products not issued when available
<input type="checkbox"/> Armband information incomplete or incorrect	<input type="checkbox"/> Misspelled name and/or incorrect MRN	<input type="checkbox"/> Product returned outside of acceptable temperature range
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood bank armband removed	<input type="checkbox"/> Label missing one or more required pieces of information (name, MRN, collector's initials, time or date of collection)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABO confirmation not completed prior to product issue
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient's Current ABO/Rh does not match patient's historical ABO/Rh		
<input type="checkbox"/> Admitting Department error in patient identification or MRN merge	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate specimen	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrong blood in tube	<input type="checkbox"/> Specimen collected on patient at incorrect time (TS drawn with current TS on file, Fetal Screen collected prior to delivery)	<b>Procedural Error</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Collected in wrong tube type	<input type="checkbox"/> Failure to follow SOP
<b>Ordering</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Missing specimen (i.e. cord blood)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unclear SOP
<input type="checkbox"/> Test or blood product ordered on wrong patient (computer entry)		<input type="checkbox"/> No procedure available
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood product requested on incorrect patient (transfusion request)		<input type="checkbox"/> Tech misunderstood SOP
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect BB number on request form	<b>Maintenance/Temperature/QC</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mfg recall (excludes blood products)
<b>Testing</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Temp out of range; no corrective documentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect or unfilled order
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrected report due to erroneous result	<input type="checkbox"/> Temp not recorded	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerical (computer data entry error)	<input type="checkbox"/> QC not documented	<b>Quality Concern / Complaint</b>
<b>Blood Product</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> QC failure, no corrective action	<input type="checkbox"/> Tech Quality Concern (Document on back)
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect label		<input type="checkbox"/> Customer Complaint (Document on back)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extended expiration date		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wasted Product		

Comments (use space on back of this form)

If this is an RQI (See reverse), reported to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ RQI # \_\_\_\_\_

If this is FDA reportable (See procedure), reported to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ FDA # \_\_\_\_\_

Notified: \_\_\_\_\_ (date/time) \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Tech Code)

**B. Supervisor Action and Recommendation: (document all follow-up actions taken on reverse) (Tracking)** Tech code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No lab involvement (√) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Level of Severity**  
 No patient impact       Minor impact       Major impact

**D. Follow-Up: Hospital Incident Report #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Signatures (Sign/Initial and date)**

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Director: \_\_\_\_\_ QA Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_ Admin. Director: \_\_\_\_\_

# BB Variance Form

- GEC
- SGMC
- WAH

<b>Laboratory RQI (Reportable Quality Issues)</b>
Any FDA reportable event
Any revised result for Blood Bank testing including but not limited to ABO group, Rh type, atypical antibody screen/identification, DAT, RBC antigen typing
Any Significant Procedural Delay resulting in known or potential impact to patient care (treatment or discharge) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inability to provide timely blood products during an emergent event</li></ul>
Any Significant Specimen Collection issue (by laboratory staff) causing physical or psychological harm to the patient
Any issue or event judged by a Pathologist or the CLIA Laboratory Director to have known or potential impact on current patient care
A variation or deviation from the local Hospital Policy and Procedure that has known or potential impact on current patient care.

**For RQI or FDA reportable - Notify a Supervisor immediately and document on the front of the form**

Use these lines for additional information or to document Tech Quality Concerns:

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**Supervisor Action and Recommendation:**

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