

PREADMIT PATIENTS – BLOOD BANK SPECIMENS (EXTENDED EXPIRATION)

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PRINCIPLE

To ensure that compatible blood is available at the time of surgery, patients scheduled for surgery may have their pretransfusion specimens drawn up to fourteen days before the surgery date, provided certain regulatory requirements are met.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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| R-W-TS0123 | Blood Band – Typenex Barcoded |
| R-W-TS0124 | Blood Band – Typenex R3 Attachment |
| R-W-TS0125 | Blood Bands – When to Remove Them |
| M-W-TS-0100 | Labeling Pre-Transfusion Specimens |
| M-F -TS1082 | Preadmit Questions for Blood Bank Specimens Form |

POLICY

1. Answers to all questions will be documented on the Preadmit Questions for Blood Bank Specimens Form.
2. At the time of draw, the person who collects the blood specimen (phlebotomist) must ask the patient or the patient’s caregiver accompanying the patient certain questions:
 - Has the patient been transfused during the last 90 days?
 - Has the patient been pregnant during the last 90 days?
 - What is the date of the surgery, procedure, or transfusion?
3. The patient or patient’s caregiver must state that the patient:
 - Has not been transfused in the last three months
 - Females must state that they have not been pregnant in the last three months.
4. If the conditions in #3 have been met, the patient may be drawn for Type & Screen or Type & Crossmatch for up to 14 days before the date of the surgery, procedure, or transfusion.
5. If the conditions in #3 are NOT met (i.e., the patient HAS been transfused or pregnant within the last 90 days) the patient cannot be drawn early. The sample MUST be collected within 1-3 days prior to the surgery, procedure, or transfusion date. For instance, drawing a patient on Friday is acceptable for a Monday surgery 3 days later.
6. The specimen and the questionnaire form will be sent together to the SJMC Blood Bank
7. The Transfusion Service will retain this documentation for five years.

REFERENCES

AABB Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, current edition

DOCUMENT APPROVAL Purpose of Document / Reason for Change:

1. Updated process due to Epic and loss of manual requisitions where phlebotomists could document patient history.
2. Added related documents section
3. Added references
4. Updated format
5. Changed to a multi-facility document rather than a regional one
6. Changed title to make it easier to search. Original title was "Pre-Transfusion Specimens on Pre-Admit Patients"

No significant change to process in above revision. Per CAP, this revision does not require further Medical Director approval.

Committee Approval Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 12/1/2014 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A – revision of department-specific document which is used at only one facility	Medical Director Approval <i>(Electronic Signature)</i>	 12/1/14
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