**Purpose**

To describe the pre-analytic sample requirements for pre-transfusion testing acceptability in HMC TSL.

**Policy Statements**

* All samples for pre-transfusion testing must comply with the HMC sample labeling policy.
* If a patient has no ABO/Rh history at HMC the following will apply:
* Any transfusion of type specific blood products for that patient will require an ABO/Rh type on two samples obtained from separate draws.
* Until ABO/Rh types on two separate draws are obtained, the patient will receive universal type blood products.
* These requirements are implemented to provide a higher level of transfusion safety for the patients at HMC, and to reduce potential for misidentification of transfusion patients.

**Approved Deviations**

The following deviations have been approved by the Transfusion Service Medical Director and do not require a pre approval. Type specific blood products will be provided with only one sample collection. A confirmation sample must be collected once the patient has moved to the floor.

* Massive Transfusion Situations when the first sample has been obtained in a controlled environment, such as surgery room or trauma bay.
* Trauma Situations when obtaining the second sample will delay resuscitation and compromise patient survival.
* Operating Room (OR) when the first sample is collected in a controlled environment.

All other deviations require an approval from the Transfusion Services Medical Director.