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Transfusion Services Laboratory  
Policies and Procedures Manual

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**TITLE: Issuing Blood Components at Northwest Campus**

**PURPOSE**

To provide instructions for issuing blood components for transfusion

**LOCATION**

Northwest Lab Transfusion Support Service (TSS)

**PRINCIPLE & CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This SOP describes the workflow and inspection process that ensures all necessary testing is complete and blood and blood components meet patient requirements and pass a visual inspection prior to issue for transfusion.

**POLICIES**

- All blood components must be issued in the LIS system prior to dispensing blood component to clinical team

**Exception:** Downtime Issue log can be used in lieu of the LIS system for emergency issue of blood components and when the LIS system is not available

- Blood components allocated to a patient should be issued in the following order with shortest date of expiration:
  - Autologous
  - Directed
  - Allogeneic

**REAGENTS/SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT**

Reagents	Supplies	Equipment
NA	Blood Product Pickup Slip (BPP)	Laboratory Information System or <i>Downtime Issue Log</i>

**QUALITY CONTROL**



The Laboratory Information System (LIS) is validated at implementation and whenever significant changes are made to the system to assure it functions as expected.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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**Verifying Blood Components are Allocated**

STEP	ACTION														
1	Receive the completed Blood Product Pickup Slip (BPP)														
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log into Sunquest at location <b>NW</b></li> <li>Click on <b>Blood Bank Inquiry&gt; (BBI)</b> </li> </ul>														
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select <u>L</u>ookup by 'PatientID'</li> <li>Manually enter the patient's MRN from the BPP</li> </ul>														
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8	Select the appropriate Billing Account from the Event Selection window (if not already selected) to ensure billing is applied to the correct encounter														
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter the appropriate component group(s) in the '<u>C</u>omponent' field for the type of component requested for pickup                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RBCG – Red Blood Cell Group (includes granulocytes)</li> <li>PLG – Platelet Group</li> <li>PLSG – Plasma Group</li> <li>CRYG – Cryoprecipitate Group</li> </ul> </li> <li>Click &lt;Add&gt;</li> </ul>														

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STEP	ACTION	
10	Click <Select> to see what blood components are allocated to the patient and available for issue	
	If component is	Then
	RBC in the Haemobank	Go to section <a href="#">Retrieving RBC Component(s) from the Haemobank</a>
	RBC in the refrigerator (i.e. in the case of washed RBC) Platelet Plasma Cryoprecipitate Granulocyte	Go to section <a href="#">Issuing Blood Components in Sunquest</a>

**Retrieving RBC Component(s) from the Haemobank (does not include Granulocytes)**

STEP	ACTION	
1	Log in to the Haemobank by scanning your UWMC ID Badge or entering in your EID# (Employee Identification #)	
2	Touch <Taking Out>	
3	Select the Transport Method	
	If transporting	Then touch
	In a cooler	<Cooler>  <b>NOTE:</b> Selected when issuing more than one refrigerated blood component
	Not in a cooler	<Room Temp>
4	Touch <Select Patient>	
5	Enter the patient's medical record number from the BPP	
6	Touch <Search>	
7	Confirm the patient details by verifying that the name and MRN on the screen matches the name and MRN on the <i>Blood Product Pick-Up Form</i> .	
	If	Then
	Matches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touch &lt;Yes&gt;</li> <li>• Go to next step</li> </ul>
Does NOT match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolve the discrepancy prior to removing any blood components</li> <li>• Contact Montlake TSL for help when needed</li> </ul>	
8	Select the type of blood component: <Red Cells>	
9	Open the door when you are prompted to remove component  <b>NOTE:</b> Tray holding the blood component will illuminate in blue	

STEP	ACTION	
<b>10</b>	Pull out the blue illuminated tray, gently	
	If	Then
	Component is in the tray	Remove component from the tray  <b>NOTE:</b> A blank Transfusion Record will be attached - refer to <a href="#">Appendix 1</a> for example
	Tray is empty	Touch <Tray Empty> on the Haemobank screen
<b>11</b>	Push the tray back into the slot gently until it stops moving and close the door	
<b>12</b>	Scan the Unit Number from the component label when prompted	
<b>13</b>	Perform a visual inspection and respond to the question “Is the unit suitable for transfusion?” - refer to SOP <b>Visual Inspection of Blood Components at Northwest Campus</b>	
	If	Then
	Suitable (pass inspection)	Touch <Yes>
	Unsuitable (does not pass inspection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Touch &lt;No&gt;</li> <li>Follow the prompts to return the component to Haemobank</li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	If the component was	Then
	Remotely allocated from the Haemobank)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compatibility Label will print</li> <li>Go to the next step</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Compatibility Label</b></p> <p>Unit #: <b>W2021 19 008187 I</b></p> <p>Product: RED BLOOD CELLS CP2D &gt; AS3/500mL/refg Irradiated Res</p> <p>Unit ABO/Rh: <b>B Pos</b></p> <p>Compatibility: Compatible</p> <p>Expiry Date: 31 – Jul – 2020 23:59:59</p> <p>Comments: Ag Info: Negative for K antigen.. TEST COMMENT HERE</p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Only For</b></p> <p>Patient ID: <b>U10141982</b> </p> <p>Last Name: SEN</p> <p>First Name: TESTZZ</p> <p>Patient ABO/Rh: <b>B Pos</b></p> <p>Current Date: 06 – Jul – 2020  </p> </div>
	Allocated at Montlake TSL prior to loading in Haemobank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No label prints. A Transfusion Report with patient information will already be attached to the component</li> <li>Go to section <i>Issuing Blood Components in Sunquest</i></li> </ul>
<b>15</b>	Confirm the labels printed correctly	
<b>15</b>	If printing is	Then
	Successful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Touch &lt;Yes&gt;</li> <li>Place the Compatibility Label on the back of the blood component bag- <a href="#">refer to Appendix 2</a></li> <li>Go to next step</li> </ul>

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<b>2</b>	<p>Verify the blood component meets all patient transfusion requirements by reviewing the patient transfusion requirements located under the tabs at the top of the screen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antigens/Antibodies</li> <li>Problems</li> <li>Comments</li> <li>Transfusion Attributes</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Click <b>&lt;More&gt;</b> to review all requirements in one screen. Click <b>&lt;Less&gt;</b> to collapse screen</p>								
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STEP	ACTION			
5	Verify the correct unit is automatically selected			
	If unit is	Then		
	Correct	Go to next step		
Not correct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click &lt;Cancel&gt;</li> <li>• Resolve any issues and attempt to rescan the unit. If scanning the unit is not possible, the unit number may be entered manually along with the component type</li> <li>• Select the component from the drop down menu <b>only</b> after verifying any discrepancies were resolved</li> </ul>			
6	Click <Continue>			
7	Perform a visual inspection of the blood component – refer to SOP <b>Visual Inspection of Blood Products at Northwest Campus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expiration date has not passed</li> <li>• Correct labeling</li> <li>• Intact container</li> <li>• No clots, turbidity, hemolysis or other abnormal appearance of the component</li> </ul>			
	If visual inspection	Then		
	Passes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Result the visual inspection by selecting the Pass All key</li> <li>• Go to the next step</li> </ul>		
Fails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DO NOT issue unless the component passes the visual inspection</b></li> <li>• Select the &lt;Inspect Unit &gt;</li> <li>• Answer the “Visual inspection ok?” by selecting the No</li> <li>• Enter “CQI” as the “Reason for failure” code</li> <li>• Select “Quarantine” for the new status</li> <li>• Click &lt;OK&gt;</li> <li>• Initiate a QI form and quarantine the component following SOP <b>Quarantine and Final Disposition of Blood Components at Northwest Campus</b></li> </ul>			
8	Verify the following information when present is in agreement on all forms and labels			
	Blood Product Pickup Slip	Sunquest	Transfusion Record	Blood Component (ISBT) Label
	Name & MRN	Name & MRN	Name & MRN	
		Recipient Type	Recipient Type	
		Donor Blood Type	Donor Blood Type	Donor Blood Type
		Unit Number/Div.	Unit Number/Div.	Unit Number/Div.
		Unit Expiration	Unit Expiration	Unit Expiration
	Component Type		Component Type	Component Type

STEP	ACTION	
9	<b>If</b>	<b>Then</b>
	Discrepancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT issue component when discrepancy between forms and labels exist</li> <li>• Contact Montlake TSL for help resolving the discrepancy</li> <li>• Resolve any discrepancies and correct documents prior to going to the next step</li> </ul>
	No Discrepancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial the Transfusion Record at the bottom right corner</li> <li>• Go to the next step</li> </ul>
10	<p>Perform the following review and read-back with blood runner/courier:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have the blood runner/courier read out loud and then spell the patient's full name and read the MRN from the BPP while the tech compares to the transfusion record.</li> <li>2. The tech will read out loud and then spell the patient's full name and read MRN from the Transfusion Record while the blood runner/courier compares to the BPP.</li> <li>3. The runner/courier then reads the Unit Number/Div., donor type, unit expiration, component type from the blood component label and the compatibility result from the Transfusion Record while the tech compares to the Transfusion Record.</li> <li>4. The tech then reads back the Unit Number/Div., donor type, unit expiration, component type from the blood component label and the recipient type and compatibility result from the Transfusion Record while the runner/courier compares to the blood component label.</li> </ol>	
11	<b>If</b>	<b>Then</b>
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12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click &lt;Continue&gt;</li> <li>• Tab to accept the default for issue date and time or update if not issuing in real time</li> <li>• Verify the patient location matches the requested delivery location, or enter the correct location (Search may be used to locate the correct location)</li> </ul>	
	<b>If issuing by</b>	<b>Then enter in the 'Issue to' field</b>
	Transporter	Scan the blood transporters badge or enter their first and last name
	Portable Coolers	Enter the blood transport cooler ID#
13	<b>If a QA Failure</b>	<b>Then</b>
	Does NOT occur	Go to next step
	Occurs	<p>Call Montlake TSL prior to issue.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If the issue cannot be corrected and the product is acceptable for issue, Montlake may direct you to issue the</p>



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STEP	ACTION	
		blood component using the Downtime Issue Log – go to section <a href="#">Issue Using Downtime Issue Log</a>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click &lt;Save&gt; and the “Add Billing” window will open</li> <li>Click &lt;Cancel&gt;</li> </ul> <p><b>CRITICAL:</b> If the ‘Add Billing window ‘is not canceled, the window will timeout and documentation of the issue process will be lost. When this occurs, it is considered a Biological Product Deviation requiring report to the Food &amp; Drug Administration (FDA)</p>	
15		
16	<b>If transporting via</b>	<b>Then</b>
	Transporter	Place blood component(s) with attached transfusion record in a plastic bag and give to the transporter for delivery to the patient’s transfusionist
	Cooler	Go to SOP <b><i>Issuing Blood Components in a Blood Cooler at Northwest Campus</i></b>

### Issue Using Downtime Issue Log

STEP	ACTION	
1	Document the Today’s Date and select NW as the location at the top of the <i>Downtime Issue Log</i>	
2	Document the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient Name</li> <li>Patient MRN</li> <li>Patient Location – where the component will be transfused</li> <li>Unit Number/Division – Donor identification number and container or division number</li> <li>Ecode</li> </ul>	
3	Document outcome of steps 7, 8, and 9 of section Issuing Blood Components under “Pass Visual Inspect”	
	<b>If all</b>	<b>Then</b>
	Passed (acceptable)	Document ✓ in the Pass Visual Inspect field
	Failed (unacceptable)	Do not continue
<b>If</b>		<b>Then</b>
Component fails visual inspection		Quarantine component following SOP <i>Quarantine of Blood and Blood Components at Northwest Campus</i>
Any other information is unacceptable	Contact Montlake TSL to help resolve discrepancy	
4	Document the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue by (Tech) - document 4-digit tech ID</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issued To – Name of person picking up component or cooler</li></ul>
5	Fax a copy of the form to Montlake for computer entry in SQ of issue

**PROCEDURE NOTES/LIMITATIONS**

- You will have only 60 seconds to attach the compatibility label to the component and scan the unit number from the component tag and the barcode from the compatibility label

**REFERENCES:**

- Technical Manual. Bethesda, MD; AABB, current edition
- Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services. Bethesda, MD; AABB, current edition

**RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

FORM Blood Product Pickup Slip

FORM UH3363 UW Medicine Transfusion Record

FORM UH3919 UW Medicine Transfusion Record (Haemobank)

SOP *Visual Inspection of Blood Components at Northwest Campus*

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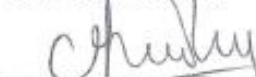
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**APPENDIX 2: Attaching Haemobank Labels to Transfusion Record and Blood Component**

**UW MEDICINE TRANSFUSION RECORD**

Transfusion Record


Unit #: **W1416 20 200051 D**



Product: **RED BLOOD CELLS CP2D > AS3/500mL/refg Irradiated Res**


Unit ABO/Rh: **O Pos**  
 Compatibility: **Compatible**  
 Expiry Date: **31-Dec-2020 23:59:59**  
 Comments:

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Only For

Patient ID: **U10141981** 

Last Name: **TEST**  
 First Name: **SEN**  
 Patient ABO/Rh: **A Pos**  
 Current Date: **16-Sep-2020**  



**Bedside Verification**

Before administering the unit, verify in the patient's presence that:

- Patient's name & medical record number are identical on the unit compatibility label, wrist band(s), and transfusion record.
- Donor ABO/Rh & the donor unit number on the transfusion record, unit compatibility label and donor unit face label are identical.
- Patient ABO/Rh, Interpretation of compatibility testing (if performed) & special requirements (if applicable) are verified
- Unit is normal in appearance & not expired.

Date	Time	
Transfusionist		
Witness		

**IF A TRANSFUSION REACTION IS SUSPECTED**

- STOP THE TRANSFUSION IMMEDIATELY and call the physician and the Transfusion Service Laboratory
- Refer to the Nursing Blood Administration Policy
- Complete the Report of Suspected Transfusion Reaction Form
- Draw a 6mL Pink top EDTA blood sample from the patient
- Send the completed Suspected Transfusion Reaction form, blood sample, blood bag with attached tubing and remaining contents (remove needle), and copy of the Transfusion Record to the Transfusion Service as soon as possible.

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**UW MEDICINE TRANSFUSION RECORD**

*Attach patient label here  
 ONLY if there is no patient name or MRN above*

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