Policy

The HMC Transfusion Service Laboratory (TSL) will discard blood products transferred from another facility with a patient. HMC TSL cannot be sure of the purity, potency, and safety of such products due to inability to monitor storage and temperature during transport.

Purpose

To provide instructions for the disposition of blood products received with a transferred patient.

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| Step | Action | Related Documents |
| 1 | TSL is notified that blood products have arrived with a transferred patient.   * Staff person will respond to the patient location and pick up the products. * In critical situations, the physician may request to retain the products for immediate use. In this case, offer Emergency Release uncrossmatched products and AB or Low Titer A plasma. | Emergency Release Blood Product Allocation Process |
| 2 | Initiate the Blood Products Received with Transferred Patient Log form  NOTE: These products are never entered into Sunquest inventory.   * Complete:   + Patient name and MRN (H) * Unit number field for each product received * Product Type * Issuing Facility * Discard date and Time * Tech ID | Blood Products Received with Transferred Patient Log |
| 3 | Discard all products in Biohazard containers. |  |
| 4 | TSL will contact the issuing facility:   * Ask for patient antibody history, special requirements, and transfusion history * Request fax number and fax the completed Blood Products Received with Transferred Patient Log to the issuing facility * Note fax date/time. * Give completed log and paperwork or transfusion tags to MLS. |  |
| 5 | MLS will update Patient BAD file with any pertinent information on the Transfusion Tags or verbally obtained from issuing facility.   * Antibody history * Attributes * Transfusion history * Confirm ABO/Rh matches patient history. |  |
| 6 | File the log in the Blood Products Received with Transferred Patient notebook. |  |

References:

AABB Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, Current Edition.