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**PURPOSE:**

The public's AIDS-related concern about the safety of transfusion has generated demands from potential recipients to choose the donors to be used for their transfusions. The selection and testing of these directed donors is the same as for any other allogeneic donors, although special exemptions for the 56-day waiting period between donations may be made. Directed donations are available only on a non-emergency basis and if requested by the potential blood recipient and donor and accompanied by a physician's request.

**POLICY:**

HRMC provides allogenic, autologous and directed donations to ensure the patient's comfort level.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. All blood for directed donation transfusion will be collected by OneBlood or other certified Blood Bank upon specific request by the intended recipient's physician. The units will be drawn and tested according to AABB and other regulatory agency guidelines for donor screening and infectious disease testing.
2. The units of blood will be sent to the hospital by the collecting agency in time for the patient's surgery. They will be labeled with the intended recipient's name; they will also be labeled with the ABO and Rh of the unit and the expiration date. The unit is marked "Directed Donation".
3. Upon receipt, directed donation units will be entered into SoftBank blood inventory.
4. The units are retyped as per HRMC policy and a retype label is then attached to the unit.
5. When a request for the directed donation unit transfusion is received in the lab, the recipient will be drawn and banded according to Laboratory policy.
6. The recipient will have a group and type and antibody screen performed. The directed donation units will be reviewed to determine if they are group and type compatible; the units will then be crossmatched to insure compatibility.



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7. If the directed unit is not used, the unit of blood will be stored in the hospital blood bank refrigerator until the intended recipient is discharged from the hospital. The unit will then be added to the allogeneic inventory for use by the general population

**REFERENCES:**

AABB Technical Manual



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