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PURPOSE:

Mistransfusion occurs from misidentification of the intended recipient at the time of collection, labeling error of the pretransfusion testing sample, during laboratory testing or preparation of units to be issued. Misidentification at sample collection occurs approximately once in every 1000 samples and one in every 12,000 transfusions the recipient receives the wrong unit. To reduce risk of misidentification and consequently, of a hemolytic transfusion reaction historic record checks will be done on each blood bank sample received for testing.

POLICY:

Patients without historic data for blood bank testing will have a second specimen drawn to confirm the ABO/Rh of the patient before blood products may be issued for transfusion. Repeat antibody screen is not required.

PROCEDURE:

1. All patients requiring blood products must be properly identified and banded with the blood band identification system. This unique number will appear on the patient's armband and specimen as well as any documentation in the laboratory.
2. Check Patient's blood bank records for historical data.
3. If historical data is not available, the patient must be retyped with a second specimen drawn at a separate phlebotomy.
4. Results from ABO type of the second phlebotomy specimen are recorded on the daily blood bank log and in the LIS.
5. Any discrepancies will result in the withholding of blood products until resolved.

REFERENCES:

AABB Technical Manual
CAP Requirements: TRM.30575, TRM.40300, TRM.40670, TRM.40820



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