



# Practice Alert

## Practice Change: Removal of STAT Blood Orders

**Audience:** Providers, Nursing

**Level of education:** Level II YELLOW

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During the initial build phase of the CPOE Blood project, a pre-phase of the Cerner Bridge project, Red Blood Cells (RBC), plasma, platelet, and cryoprecipitate orders were intended to be built only as "Routine" orders, however, they have included an option of "STAT."

In Blood Bank, there are only two sets of products – Routine Crossmatched and Emergent Uncrossmatched. Crossmatched products cannot truly be "STAT" products due to the testing required prior to releasing them from the Blood Bank.

### WHAT TO KNOW...

- Both crossmatched and uncrossmatched blood components released by Blood Bank are ABO-compatible for the patient.
- Modifications (e.g., irradiated, CMV neg, washed) are only available for routine orders.

#### Order updates include:

- Routine orders for blood components can only be ordered as routine.
- Emergent need for blood components will be available using these uncrossmatched orders:
  - Emergency Uncrossmatched Blood
    - One-time order.
    - Must provide number of each component desired.
  - Massive Transfusion Protocol
    - Ongoing order at ratio set by Blood Bank.
    - Must provide approximate patient weight.
    - Requires deactivation.
- You can also continue to CALL Blood Bank to request uncrossmatched blood.

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CPOE Blood Uplift

<https://rb.gy/z5hc03>

### WHAT TO DO...



If you have STAT orders saved in your favorites, remove them. They will no longer be available for use, and you will need to make a different selection.



This change will take effect immediately upon implementation.



- Emergent uncrossmatched products are provided within 15 minutes of order placement/notification.
- Routine products will continue to be prepared in a timely manner.



Changes will be implemented on August 19 with Cerner Bridge go live.