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<h1>Blood Warmer Management</h1>		

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I. PURPOSE

To ensure BB/TS has oversight of the scheduled monitoring of blood and blood component warming devices.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all blood and blood component warming devices used at Methodist, University, and Riley Hospitals.

III. EXCEPTIONS

None

IV. DEFINITIONS

AABB: Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies.

BB/TS: Blood Bank Transfusion Service

PM: Preventive Maintenance

V. POLICY STATEMENTS

- A. All blood and blood component warming devices are equipped with a temperature-sensing device with a warning system to detect malfunctions and prevent hemolysis or other damage to blood or blood components.
- B. All warming devices are maintained by Trimedx, the IU Health Clinical Engineering provider.
- C. Trimedx has a process for scheduled monitoring and maintenance of warming devices in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
 1. This process includes frequency of checks, check methods, acceptance criteria, and actions to be taken for unsatisfactory results.

2. Any device found outside of acceptable tolerance can be called in for corrective maintenance to Trimedx/Clinical Engineering.
 - a. Phone: 317-962-8044
 - b. Online: Service.Trimedx.com/TCP Access Code: IUHEALTH
3. PM and corrective maintenance reports are available upon request.

VI. PROCEDURES

A. Blood Bank Transfusion Service Monitoring of Warming Devices

1. Annually, BB/TS will audit all blood and blood warming devices to ensure PMs are in-date.

VII. CROSS REFERENCES

None

VIII. REFERENCES/CITATIONS

AABB standards, current edition

IX. FORMS/APPENDICES

None

X. APPROVAL BODY, IF APPLICABLE

None