



Practice Reminder

Practice Reminder: Cerner Bridge/Blood Product Administration

Audience: Nursing

Level of Education: Level 1 GREEN

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There have been instances where blood product units have not been ended, have not been released, or vital signs not charted.

WHAT TO KNOW...

- If you start a unit in Cerner Bridge, it must be ended.
- Unused units must be released in Cerner Bridge.
- Vital signs must be documented before starting a unit, at the 15-minute mark if applicable, and at the end of a unit. Vital signs must also be checked immediately after the procedure ends.

WHAT TO DO...

End all started units. If you need to make any corrections:

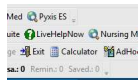
1. Access Cerner Bridge
2. Put in FIN without leading zero in the patient ID box.
3. Select "End Transfusion."
4. Put in FIN without leading zero in the patient ID box.
5. Type the unit number with a capital "W."
6. Select the product type (usually the "E" number).
7. Donation type is usually "v" and then press the enter key.
8. Division is "00," "01," or "02."
9. Enter the vital signs



Release ALL unused units. You still should be able to release any units that are accidentally started.



If a patient refuses vital signs, they are refusing to receive the blood. STOP immediately and inform the providers.



Utilize the "LiveHelpNow" chat function in the Cerner banner bar for immediate assistance from the IS team if there are any issues.

If a patient has a transfusion related reaction, please STOP immediately and notify the provider. Flush the line or the port with a NS syringe (DO NOT infuse any more of the blood). Collaborate with the team (especially inpatient) on the initiation of the transfusion reaction workup. DO NOT throw the machine kit or blood units in the trash. There is a time constraint on when the workup is required to be initiated. Please review the protocol in policy tech [↑ Blood and Blood Component Administration v.1.](#)