

Blood Bank Practice Alert



Practice Update: Change in Emergency Paperwork for Methodist OR refrigerator

Audience: All Blood Bank Team Members

Level of Education: Level I

Date: March 10, 2026

We will be changing the way we document paperwork for the emergency red blood cells in the Methodist OR refrigerator. Instead of putting all four (4) units on one Emergency Transfusion Document, each unit will be on its own Emergency Transfusion Document. This change is being made in response to a request from the OR team. They usually do not need all 4 units at one time and taking them all together limits access for other patients.

WHAT TO KNOW...

- Each emergency red blood cell placed in the Methodist OR refrigerator will have its own Emergency Transfusion Document
- No change to the number of units provided. We will still stock four (4) units in the refrigerator

WHAT TO DO...

-  • Complete one Emergency cell transfusion document per unit
- Provide four (4) total emergency cell units for the Methodist OR refrigerator



Change will be effective **April 13, 2026**