**Purpose:**

To describe the process for receiving and testing samples when patients qualify for the preadmission protocol.

**Policy:**

Qualification for the preadmission protocol requires a patient history of no pregnancy or blood transfusion within the last 3 months. These patients may have their pretransfusion samples drawn up to 14 days before a planned surgery or procedure. Patients who have been pregnant or transfused within the last 3 months must have their sample drawn within 72 hours of the planned surgery or procedure.

**Process:**

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| **Step** | **Action** | **Related Documents** |
| **Initial Receipt** | | |
| 1 | Receiving and Entering Preadmission Orders   * Sample and order for preadmission testing and/or blood products is received on a Transfusion Services Preadmission Testing and Blood Product Order Form with the following requirements:   + All order information completed.   + Two signatures for patient ID verification   + Documented “No” answers to the required questions below. * Pre-anesthesia care staff will draw the sample and document on the form that the answers to the following questions are “No”.   + “Have you been pregnant in the last 3 months?”   + “Have you received a transfusion in the last 3 months?” * Sample may be drawn up to 14 days in advance of surgery. * The Sample expires at the end of the 14th day or 3 days after surgery, whichever is sooner. * Enter Orders into the LIS using current encounter location:   + Enter “Preadmission” in the Order Comments. | Transfusion Services Preadmission Testing & Red Blood Cell Order Form  Sample Acceptance Evaluation |
| 2 | Qualification for Extension of Compatibility Expiration Date (EXX):   * Open Blood Bank Inquiry (SQ) * Access Patient Order List screen * Examine “Received By” and “Issued” columns for any orders in addition to the Preadmission order for the previous 3 months. * If orders exist, look for PREN and/or Issued blood components.   + Patients who have had a prenatal test and/or received allogeneic red cell containing blood components (red blood cells and/or platelets) within the previous 3 months are ineligible for preadmission.   + Patients who have received blood components that do not contain allogeneic red blood cells (plasma and cryoprecipitate) may be eligible for preadmission. * Subtract the draw date from date of surgery/procedure.   + If less than or equal to 14, the patient may qualify for preadmission.   + If greater than 14 days, the patient does not qualify for preadmission. * Confirm both questions are answered “No” and there is a signature of the clinical care staff who asked the questions. * If the patient qualifies, proceed to testing. * If the patient does not qualify, it is acceptable to perform testing but testing must be credited. | SQ Using Blood Bank Inquiry |
| 3 | Perform ABO/Rh and Antibody Screen testing within 48 hours of sample draw. Clinic may or may not get the CPOE ABRH2 order.  Perform ABRH2, if applicable:   * 2nd sample can be submitted with any order form, it does not need the Preadmission Form to be resubmitted. * 2nd sample can be drawn on admission. * Patient will receive universal donor products until 2nd sample is received   Patients with Positive Antibody History or Positive results on current sample **are not** eligible for preadmission.   * + Do not extend the crossmatch validity date.   + Notify the Lead and Medical Director.   + A minimum of 2 RBCs must be crossmatched prior to surgery.   + TSL Medical Director may elect to crossmatch more units based on type of surgery. | ABO D Type by Tube  Antibody Screen by LISS Tube Method  Antibody Screen by PeG Tube IAT Method  TANGO Operating Procedures  Guidelines for Antibody Identification |
| 4 | Record Preadmission Eligibility   * If all parameters are met, the patient is eligible for extension of the compatibility validity date. * Adjust the test EXX: The sample expires at the end of the 14th day or 3 days after surgery, whichever is sooner. * Add a BBC comment:   + “Preadmission Order for (surgery date)”, Date, Tech ID * No further notification is required. |  |
| 5 | Ineligible Preadmission Requests:   * Patient does not meet acceptability requirement but surgery/procedure date is ≤ 3 days in the future.   + Do not adjust Compatibility Validity Date.   + Process as a routine TSCR/TXM. * Correction possible: * Signature missing for questions: Allow personnel who asked the questions and completed the form to come to TSL and sign. * Missing surgery/procedure date: Call and request date. Record on Preadmission form. * No correction possible:   + Process per appropriate SOP.   + Do not extend the crossmatch validity date. * Notify clinical care location of failure and reason. Request new sample be collected upon admission. * Complete QIM and PSN. | Sample Rejection Process |
| 6 | File Preadmission Request in the Preadmission Surgery Pending File and rack sample. | Sample and Unit segment management process |
| **One Day prior to Surgery/Procedure** | | |
| 7 | Confirm eligibility one day prior to surgery/procedure date:   * Repeat qualification check (step 2 above). * Write “Checked”, date, and tech ID in the bottom right corner of the Preadmission form. * If the patient no longer is eligible for preadmission:   + Notify clinical care location of failure and reason.   + Complete QIM and PSN.   + Review collection date:     - Samples drawn within 3 days of surgery/procedure day can be used. Change EXX to surgery/procedure date or original 3 day expiration, whichever is longer.     - Samples drawn more than 3 days prior to surgery/procedure cannot be used. Change EXX to that day’s date.   + Add BBC comment stating patient is not eligible for preadmission.   + Add comment as to status for use in completing Blood Product Requests: Can or Cannot be used * Return request to Preadmission folder. |  |
| **Day of Surgery/Procedure** | | |
| 8 | Day of surgery/procedure, contact clinical care site and request sample if:   * ABRH2 is required but has not been submitted. * Patient has a positive antibody history and/or positive antibody screen.   Complete any required antibody identification and crossmatch units for antibody patients.  File Preadmission requests in the Completed Orders file folder. |  |

**References**

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