

## Overview

This standard covers the collection of blood and blood products from the hospital blood bank or satellite fridge for an individual who needs a transfusion of blood or blood products.

This includes selecting the correct blood and/or blood product to be transfused, completing and understanding the minimum requirements on the blood collection slip (or equivalent local documentation) and checking that blood is correctly labelled.

This standard is relevant to anyone required to collect and deliver blood / blood products to support safe blood transfusion by ensuring the correct blood or blood product is available for the correct individual.

Users of this standard will need to communicate effectively to meet individuals' needs and wishes and work in line with health and safety legislation, policy and practices.

## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:*

- P1. identify and agree the roles and responsibilities of yourself and others in collecting blood / blood products from storage for transfusion
- P2. collect the blood collection documentation relevant to the individual
- P3. locate and remove the unit of blood / blood products from the fridge, following organisational policies and procedures
- P4. confirm selection of the correct unit of blood / blood product with the minimum dataset on the documentation taking appropriate action in relation to any discrepancies in line with workplace procedures
- P5. deliver the blood / blood product to the relevant member of staff promptly ensuring you do not leave the blood / blood product unattended at any point in the process
- P6. check the details on the delivered blood / blood product match those on the documentation relevant to the individual with the relevant member of staff
- P7. complete all relevant documentation required for the collection of blood and blood products

## Knowledge and understanding

### *You need to know and understand:*

- K1. how to access and interpret all relevant work instructions, legislation, guidelines, policies, procedures and protocols needed to collect blood / blood products from storage for transfusion
- K2. the scope and limitations of your own competence, responsibilities and accountability as it applies to your job role
- K3. specific procedures for reporting issues which are beyond your competence, responsibilities and accountability
- K4. the correct use of any equipment and PPE to protect the health and safety of you and others
- K5. the adverse events or safety incidents which can arise when collecting blood / blood products from the fridge.
- K6. the factors to consider in selecting the appropriate blood product from the fridge
- K7. how to transport blood / blood products from the fridge safely back to the ward and/or other clinical areas
- K8. the information that needs to be recorded on the blood collection slip or other relevant documentation which is taken to the fridge when blood is collected
- K9. how to complete and safely store all relevant documentation in accordance with organisational requirements

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