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New Blood Bank Requirement for Transfusion Specimens

Effective Date: 11/30/2025

Laboratory Bulletin

To reduce Wrong-Blood-In-Tube events AND to comply with new regulatory requirements, Electronic Positive Patient Identification (PPID) is required on Blood Bank samples for transfusions. All Blood Bank specimens should be drawn using the specimen collection process in Epic **that includes scanning patient's hospital band and printing specimen labels at bedside**. Overrides are highly discouraged as they may lead to a delay in patient care.

Effective 11/30/2025, if a specimen is not collected by PPID, on a patient with no previous blood type history at Corewell, the Blood Bank will request an ABO/Rh Confirmation (LAB1231663) order to initiate the collection of an additional specimen when necessary. This second sample will need to be processed before a blood transfusion occurs. Overriding the PPID process may delay the availability of crossmatched blood products for the patient.

In an emergency, our current process of emergency-issue group O units will still be available. However, resorting to this approach outside of true emergencies (e.g. bleeding trauma patients before T&S can be obtained) risks depleting this limited resource and putting other patients at risk.

Please contact the Blood Banks directly for any specific questions.

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