

**INSTRUCTION SHEET  
SUBMISSION OF PATIENT BLOOD SAMPLE**

- For red blood cell request: draw a minimum of TWO: Full 6 mL EDTA (purple top or pink top) tubes within 3 days of intended transfusion date.
- See table below for the sample requirements.

| <b>Transfusion History</b>   | <b># of Tubes to be drawn</b>   | <b>Affix BBID to ...</b> |
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| New patient with no history of patient's blood type                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 tubes drawn at different draw times by two separate individuals if possible</li> <li>• Verification of patient identification must be made prior to collection of each sample</li> </ul> | Both tubes               |
| Patient's historical blood type is available per LifeStream record | 2 tubes can be drawn at the same time   | Both tubes               |

- Ideally, the 2 samples will be drawn by 2 people at 2 separate draw times. If staffing is prohibitive, one staff member may draw 2 separate tubes.
- Affix a BBID number matching the one attached to the patient's wristband to the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components form
- Apply printed label if available to each tube of blood with the following information:
  - Patient's full name, last name first, including middle initial, if any.
  - Patient Medical Record Number.
  - Date of birth.
  - Date and time of collection.
  - Initials of person drawing the sample.
- Verify patient's name, patient Medical Record Number, date of birth, and BBID prior to collection of each sample.
- Verify information on the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components Form or Electronic Ordering Form with information on the tube label prior to submitting to LifeStream.
- Place all tubes in a plastic biohazard bag after collection. Attach the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components or a copy of the Electronic Ordering Form to the outside of the bag.
- Keep samples at room temperature or refrigerate samples between 1-10°C until ready to transport to LifeStream.
- Call LifeStream Reference Laboratory at (909) 386-6858 to request for a sample pick-up, or place an online sample pick-up request, then call to notify LifeStream for a pick-up.

**NOTE:** If additional units of red blood cells are needed for the same patient, and the previous specimen was drawn within 3 days of the next transfusion date, new samples are not required. Submit only a new request by fax or submit another Electronic Ordering Form.