Organise the collection and receipt of blood / blood products for transfusion



Overview

This standard covers organising the collection and receipt of blood / blood products from the hospital blood bank or satellite fridge for a patient who needs a blood transfusion. This involves taking action to ensure you order the correct blood / blood product for the correct patient. It also involves checking and confirming the correct blood / blood product for the correct patient has been received from storage. This standard is relevant to anyone required to support safe blood transfusion by ensuring the correct blood or blood product is collected from storage and received in order to be administered to the correct patient.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 respond promptly to requests for a patient to receive a transfusion of blood / blood products
- P2 confirm that the required blood / blood product for transfusion is ready for collection
- P3 identify the patient requiring the transfusion using the minimum dataset following local policies and procedures
- P4 ensure the patient has patent venous access prior to organising collection of blood and/or other blood products from the fridge/transfusion laboratory
- P5 identify an appropriate member of staff to collect the blood / blood products from the storage area
- P6 confirm the member of staff collecting the blood / blood products fully understands:
 - P6.1 what blood /blood product to collect
 - P6.2 where to collect it from
 - P6.3 the procedure to be carried out at the collection point
- P7 check and verify the patient documentation for blood transfusion with the member of staff allocated to collect the blood / blood products
- P8 promptly check and verify the details on the delivered blood / blood products match those on the patient documentation with the member of staff delivering the product
- P9 accurately and legibly complete all documentation following local policies and procedures

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance of promptly responding to requests for a patient to receive a transfusion of blood / blood products
- K2 the importance of confirming that the required blood / blood product for transfusion is ready for collection before arranging for it to be collected
- K3 the minimum data set required to enable correct patient/product identification
- K4 the human errors that can arise in relation to the collection of blood from the fridge/storage area.
- K5 the importance of providing clear written information to be taken to the fridge when carrying out checks that the correct blood and/or other blood product has been selected
- K6 the importance of responding promptly to the delivery of the collected blood /blood products
- K7 the importance of checking that the details on the delivered blood / blood products match those on the patient documentation with the member of staff delivering the product
- K8 the reasons for accurately and legibly completing all documentation following adhering to local policies and procedures

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Additional Information

External links

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