

# **Blood Management**

### Massive Transfusion (MT) and Emergency Release Blood

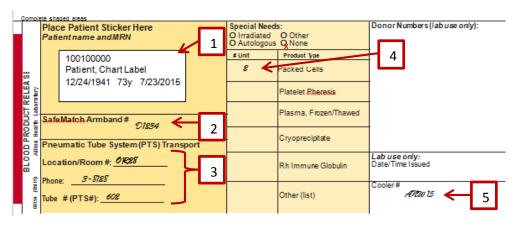
To Initiate a Massive Transfusion (This is a readiness order. Products will be sent when requested).

- 1. Call the blood bank and say "We are initiating a Massive Transfusion". If blood is needed at bedside, inform the Blood Bank.
- 2. Send a release slip when you need blood. Blood Bank <u>CANNOT</u> release blood without a release slip.
- 3. Place Excellian Order: #30669 Massive (Critical) Transfusion.

#### To get Emergency Release (STAT) Blood (This is a STAT issue of blood).

- 1. Call the blood bank and say "We need Emergency Release Blood".
- 2. Send a release slip. Blood Bank <u>CANNOT</u> release blood without a release slip.
- 3. Order RBC w or w/o Type and Screen (LAB6083X), if not already done.

The blood bank will send the O neg, type specific or crossmatch blood. The type of product is determined by how much testing has been completed.



#### **Designated Contact Person**

- MT patients who are being transferred from one area of the hospital to another, may go into a "Black Hole" and become "lost" to the blood bank.
- In order to avoid blood products being sent to the wrong location, each MT will have a designated contact person.

## Minimum information required on Blood Product Release slip:

- Box 1: 2 patient identifiers (Name and MRN)
- Box 2: Blood Tag number
  (Safematch armband
  number is needed for type
  specific and cross matched
  RBC)
- Box 3: Patient Location and phone of staff who will number communicate with the blood bank
- Box 4: Type and quantity of products you need
- Box 5: Cooler number, if applicable

#### **Designated Contact Person responsibilities include:**

- Carry a phone and be the direct contact person for the blood bank and pathologist during the massive transfusion episode until you turn the responsibility over to someone else
- Notify the Blood Bank whenever the patient changes locations
- Stay with the patient or know the patient's location at all times