# BLOOD ADMIN CHANGES OVERVIEW

### WHAT'S NEW

The next 4 documents are going to explain what's new with Blood Administration. These changes will be implemented at the same time we update Epic to version 2012.







#### SECOND CONFIRMATORY SAMPLE

A second separately-collected sample is necessary to double check a patient's blood type before routine RBC orders are filled.

#### DUAL BARCODE SCANNING

VMC has decided to implement a nationally recognized standard for safer blood product administration. This will require scanning of 2 barcodes on the blood bag to ensure we have received the right product.

#### PRINTING REQUISITIONS

Requisitions can now be printed from the Work List activity. Also, printed requisitions will print out at the printer closest to the computer you are printing from.

**Please Note:** If you are unable to find the printed requisition form at the printer, you can always go back to the Chart Review Blood tab to reprint.

# SECOND SAMPLE FOR RBC ORDERS CONFIRMATORY ABO/RH

#### NEW RBC ORDERING REQUIREMENT - CONFIRMATORY ABO/RH SAMPLE

If patient does not have a historical blood type (ABO/Rh) record at Puget Sound Blood Center (PSBC), a second separately-collected sample will be required

**•** Key Point - Second sample is only required if there is no prior blood type at PSBC

#### WHY - INCREASES PATIENT SAFETY

The major cause of ABO/Rh cross matching errors is "wrong blood in tube" (WBIT) – a mislabeled sample, or a misidentified patient. The result of this error is potentially fatal.

As a measure to ensure a higher standard of patient safety and best practice in transfusion medicine, PSBC with guidance from the FDA and the College of American Pathology (CAP) has implemented a process in which a second separately-collected sample is necessary to double check a patient's blood type before routine RBC orders are filled.

### PROCESS FLOW - INPATIENT

- A. First Sample no change
  - 1. Provider orders Red Blood Cells in Epic
  - 2. RN to process RBC order per standard procedure. Send Request form/sample to VMC Lab
  - 3. When VMC Lab receives order, Lab will determine if a second sample is required

#### B. Second Sample

- 1. If second sample required, Lab will call RN and indicate an order for a Confirmatory ABO/Rh sample is required
- 2. RN will enter the order for a Confirmatory ABO/Rh sample in Epic (sign per Standing Order, with Provider signature required) and print the PSBC Confirmatory ABO/Rh Request form from the Nursing Work List.
- 3. A patient education document explaining the reason a second sample is required will also print or can be printed on demand.
- 4. Draw the second separately collected sample using the Confirmatory ABO/Rh Request form and the 2 person verification at bedside. Send sample/form to VMC Lab

### PROCESS FLOW

- 1. Draw the first sample for the RBC order per standard procedure using the PSBC Request form for RBCs.
  - Immediately send form/sample to VMC Lab
  - To avoid blood delays, always send first sample immediately as Emergency blood will be issued from one sample
- 2. If directed by VMC Lab, enter the confirmatory ABO/Rh (LAB4612) in Epic using order mode 'Standing Order Cosign Required'.
- 3. Print requisition from the Nursing Work List
- 4. Draw the second separately collected sample using the Confirmatory ABO/Rh Request form. Send sample/form to VMC Lab.

Note: The two samples (first Type/Cross match and second Confirmatory ABO/Rh) must be collected from different sites but can be collected at the same time. For both separate draws, 2 person verification at the bedside is still required.

**IMPORTANT:** To avoid blood delays, always send first sample to VMC Lab immediately as Emergency RBCs can be issued from only the first sample.

# DUAL BARCODE SCANNING

# CHANGES EXPLAINED

1 donated unit may be split into multiple components, or aliquots to be used by multiple patients. Meaning that 2 patients may receive the same blood component from the same donor ID. VMC has decided to implement a nationally recognized standard for safer blood product administration. This will require scanning of 2 barcodes: the first to identify the Donor and the second to identify the unique product. We will scan the donor barcode followed by the product barcode. Scanning a second ID for the component will eliminate the warning message that this unit has been documented for another patient.

# SCANNING STEPS

- Click on the syringe and choose new bag – If prompted to scan the patient's armband, do so now.
- A. Find the Unit Number field in the Administration window and then place your cursor there.
  - a. Find the *Donor barcode on the blood product bag and scan it* with the hand held scanner.
  - b. Immediately after scan the product barcode.

You will see both the Donor and the Product numbers in the Unit Number field separated by a dash/hyphen in between.

3. Both codes will now be listed on the flowsheet and on the Transfusion Report



#### PLEASE NOTE – MANUAL BARCODE ENTRY

If the scanner is broken, you need to enter in the Donor and Product number manually. Be sure to place a "-" dash/hyphen in between the 2 numbers.

