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Transfusion Audit

Tip Sheet



Background/General Information:

As a best practice for laboratory accreditation, University of Colorado Hospital Transfusion Services performs a blood product transfusion tracer in patient care areas that provide these transfusions.

Related Policies/ Guidelines/ Lippincott

- Blood Administration Policy
- Lippincott procedure: Blood and blood product transfusion
- Lippincott procedure: Blood and blood product transfusion reaction management

What clinicians need to know:

- Audits are performed at random and across multiple patient locations.
- Observations will not include patients in respiratory isolation.
- Transfusion Services staff will request permission from the RN first. The RN may decline if the timing or situation is not convenient.
- A Transfusion Services staff member will observe from the time the unit is retrieved from the pneumatic tube system or from the department through the first 15 minutes of the procedure.
- Feedback is always provided to the RN and their leadership team.

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