
TRANSFUSION SERVICE PRETRANSFUSION TESTING INFORMATION

Patients requiring pretransfusion testing are required to be identified using the Yellow (Red or Green) Blood Bank (BB) Identification (ID) Bracelet. This helps prevent potentially fatal transfusion errors due to incorrect patient identification. At the time Blood Bank samples are drawn the BB ID Bracelet is placed on the patient's left wrist (except for amputee). All Blood/Blood Products crossmatched against the patient's sample shall have a BB ID number (3 alpha and 4 digits) attached, and this same number is on the Transfusion Record.

BB ID Bracelet Key Points:

- The BB ID Bracelet **must** be used when the following orders are requested: Just in Case (JICA), Type and Screen (intended for Transfusion), RBC, Leukoreduced, Apheresis Platelets, Leukoreduced, Thawed Plasma, Pooled Cryoprecipitate, and Granulocytes,
- Blood Bank samples shall be identified with an affixed label from the BB ID Bracelet bearing sufficient information for unique identification of the recipient. Included are the 2 independent identifiers (Name and Medical Record Number or Date of Birth), the date and time of the sample collection and initials of the individual collecting the Blood Bank sample.
- Samples requiring the handwritten BB ID Bracelet will have a second person verify the correct transcription of two patient identifiers, both on the blood tubes and the bracelet. It is the responsibility of the person performing the phlebotomy to label the blood tubes and to find a person to verify the transcription of the two identifiers. The information on the BB ID Bracelet is handwritten. The strip from the BB ID Bracelet (original) is peeled off and placed on one of the blood tubes. The BB ID Bracelet on the patient is the carbon. A BB ID Number from the BB ID Bracelet shall be attached to the second blood tube along with a computer generated (or handwritten) label.
- After completion of the labeling process prior to leaving the patient's bedside the second individual shall check the labeling for accuracy of the transcription of the two identifiers. If an error is noted the whole banding/labeling process shall be repeated at the bedside. If the sample is received in the Transfusion Services and an error is noted in the labeling, the sample shall be rejected and the whole process shall be repeated.
- It is not permissible to label a Blood Bank sample after leaving the patient's bedside.
- The Transfusion Service shall only accept those samples that are complete, accurate and legibly written. If there is any discrepancy a new sample must be collected.
- If drawing Blood Bank samples that require a BB ID Bracelet be placed on the patient – Please check to see if the patient has a BB ID Bracelet on before you draw. If a BB ID Bracelet is already present, please call the Transfusion Service prior to collecting the current order. This is requested to prevent duplicate draws over multiple days/ordering physicians.
- Once the BB ID Bracelet is placed on the patient's wrist it is not permissible to cut the BB ID Bracelet off, tape the BB ID Bracelet to the bed or other objects in the room if this occurs the patient must be redrawn. **Note:** One exception is in the Operating Room setting where the BB ID Bracelet could be in the way of IV access.
- If the patient is known to have a current available sample in the Transfusion Service and an order is made for additional Blood/Blood Products, please call the Transfusion Service. The Transfusion Service will direct you if another order needs to be placed.
- All Blood Bank samples drawn on day 0 will expire on day 3 at midnight.

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- Extra BB ID numbers must not be placed on the patient’s chart for use in identification of the patient or to obtain the Blood/Blood Products. It is **very important** to go directly to the patient to retrieve the BB ID numbers for identification purposes.
- Prior to administration of Blood/Blood Products, always compare the BB ID number on the Transfusion Record, the Blood/Blood Product and the patient’s BB ID Bracelet. Reconcile if a discrepancy occurs.

Ordering

Blood Bank Codes:

Order a **Type and Screen** and requested Product and quantity.

Sunrise Order	Product
RBC	RBC, LEUKOREDUCE
Fresh	FRESH FROZEN PLASMA
Aph	APHERESIS PLATELETS, LEUKOREDUCE
Cry	CRYOPRECIPITATE, AHF

When orders are entered patient labels are generated.

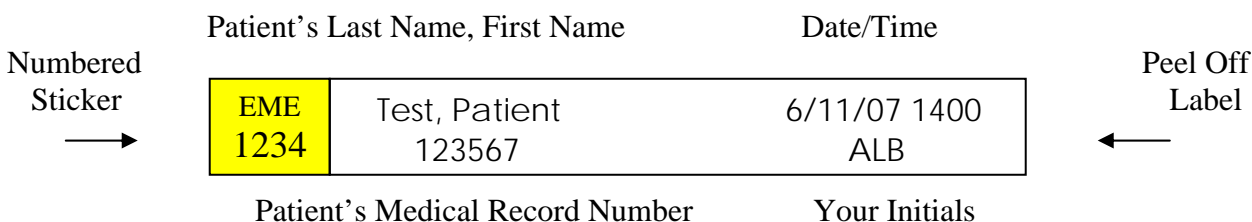
Note: If a patient has a current sample in the Transfusion Service, labels will not be generated.

Labeling

2 7ml Lavender Tubes

BLOOD BANK ID Bracelet,

Hand write using a ball point pen patient information to include Patient’s Last Name, First Name, Medical Record Number, Date and Time Samples Drawn, and Your Initials on the BLOOD BANK ID Bracelet.



Peel the Label from the BLOOD BANK ID Bracelet and attach it to **1** of the 7ml Lavender Tubes.

To the **other** 7ml Lavender Tube attach the computer generated label from the requested order. Also attach a numbered sticker to the tube, EME
1234 write the time sample was drawn and your initials on the computer label.

DO NOT Cover the BLOOD BANK ID Bracelet Label with computer Labels.

The Transfusion Service will only accept properly labeled samples. Place the tubes and the tail of numbers in a blood transport bag and forward it to the lab.