

Blood Transfusion Tracer

Requirements	Met	Not Met	Comments
Type and Cross-match results are recorded in the patient's medical			
record.			
The consent for administration of blood or blood components is			
signed, dated and times by patient or authorized decision-maker.			
The consent outlines in laymen's terms the risks, benefits &			
alternatives to the transfusion of blood and the risks & benefits of the			
alternatives to the transfusion of blood.			
The provider's order is specific to the type of blood or type of blood			
product to be administered.			
The blood order defines the number of units to be transfused and			
timeframe to be transfused.			
Staff are able to articulate the timeframe in which administration must			
begin following the release for the blood/product from the blood			
bank.			
The blood transfusion order and product are confirmed by two			
qualified persons prior to the initiation of the transfusion:			
The blood product matches the written order			
The verification process includes comparison of the two			
patient identifiers to the blood transfusion record tag			
The ABO and Rh Type are compared to the blood transfusion			
record tag			
Staff are able to verbalize the signs and symptoms of a transfusion			
reaction and patient care actions to be taken			
Review of medical record documentation substantiates that blood			
transfusion is initiated within 30 minutes of the release of the product			
form the blood bank.			
Review of the medical record supports that:			
The patient's pre-transfusion temperature was taken and			
documented.			
The patient's pre-transfusion pulse was taken and			
documented			
The patient's pre-transfusion respiration rate was taken and			
documented			
The patient's blood pressure was taken and documented prior			
to initiation of the transfusion			
Vital signs are measured and recorded every 15 minutes during the			
transfusion			
Transfusion is completed within the prescribed time frame			
Staff is able to verbalize the process to follow to report an suspect			
transfusion reaction			

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