



Updated Blood Bank Regulatory Requirements

Effective Date:

August 6, 2021

Contact: Blood Bank

Overview:

Our Blood Bank regulatory requirements surrounding ABO and Rh types for patients have recently changed. We are now required to have 2 separate specimens collected at separate times by different people in order to confirm the patient's ABO and Rh type and release blood products. **If electronic Positive Patient Identification (PPID)** was correctly used (no override steps) for specimen collection, a second sample is not required.

This change will have a direct impact on AHC providers.

To meet these new requirements, the blood bank will be reaching out to the clinical team when a second sample is required.

Please note, this will not apply to patients who already have an ABO and Rh type on record with our blood bank.

We anticipate going live with this change in October 2021. Further communication will be sent before that time.

We appreciate your support and understanding.

Questions

For additional questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Amy Gabbard, Medical Director, Transfusion Medicine, by email at agabbard1@iuhealth.org.