

**INSTRUCTION SHEET
SUBMISSION OF PATIENT BLOOD SAMPLE**

- For red blood cell request: draw a minimum of TWO: Full 6 mL EDTA (purple top or pink top) tubes within 3 days of intended transfusion date.
- See table below for the sample requirements.

Transfusion History	# of Tubes to be drawn	Affix BBID to ...
New patient with no history of patient's blood type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tubes drawn at different times by two separate individuals if possible • Verification of patient identification must be made prior to collection of each sample 	Both tubes
Patient's historical blood type is available per LifeStream record	2 tubes can be drawn at the same time	Both tubes

- Ideally, the samples will be drawn by 2 people drawing 2 separate samples. If staffing is prohibitive, one staff member may draw two separate tubes.
- Affix a BBID number matching the one attached to the patient's wristband to the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components form.
- Apply printed label if available to each tube of blood with the following information:
 - Patient's full name, last name first, including middle initial, if any.
 - Patient Medical Record Number.
 - Date of birth.
 - Date and time of collection.
 - Initials of person drawing the sample.
- Verify patient's name, patient Medical Record Number, date of birth, and BBID prior to collection of each sample.
- Verify information on the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components Form with information on the tube label prior to submitting to LifeStream.
- Place all tubes in a plastic biohazard bag after collection. Attach the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components to the outside of the bag.
- Keep samples at room temperature or refrigerate samples between 1-10°C until ready to transport to LifeStream.
- Call LifeStream Reference Laboratory at (909) 386-6858 to request the pickup.

NOTE: If additional units of blood are needed for a patient and the previous specimen was drawn within 3 days of the next transfusion date, new samples are not required. Submit only a new request by fax.