INSTRUCTION SHEET
SUBMISSION OF PATIENT BLOOD SAMPLE

- For red blood cell request: draw a minimum of TWO: Full 6 mL EDTA (purple top) tubes within 3 days of intended transfusion date.

- See table below for the sample requirements.

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<th>Transfusion History</th>
<th># of Tubes to be drawn</th>
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| New patient with no history of patient’s blood type     | • 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            | 2 tubes (can be drawn by the same individual) | Both tubes. |

- An official Laboratory Report of the patient’ ABO/Rh(D) type will be accepted as a patient historical blood type.

- 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 (hand written label will not be acceptable) 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.