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PATIENT NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD COMPONENTS AND/OR PLASMA PROTEIN AND RELATED PRODUCTS	NLBCP-024

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Overview

Notification to recipients after receiving blood components or plasma protein and related products (PPRP) was initially recommended in the Krever Inquiry Interim Report, 1997. It is currently a requirement of both the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Blood and blood components standards and Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine (CSTM) Standards for Hospital Transfusion Services.

Policy

1. All inpatients who receive blood components or PPRP shall receive notification of the transfusion.

Guidelines

1. Notification may be written or verbal.
2. Verbal notification should be documented in the patient's discharge summary.
3. Notification of recipients who receive transfusion in outpatient or ambulatory care units is not necessary as transfusion may be the primary treatment and patients are likely to be cognizant of transfusion.

Key Words

Notification, transfusion

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