Ordering Blood Products

Below you will find instructions on how to place the various orders commonly associated with blood products.

There are 3 distinct processes for blood product related orders: screening only, ordering units to hold, and ordering units to transfuse. There is a section below corresponding with each of these processes.

- If you wish to only screen your patient, go to section 1
- If you wish to order units to hold, go to Section 2
- If you wish to order units to transfuse, go to Section 3

Section 1

SCREENING ONLY – No Units will be Ordered

If you need a Cross Match and not just the screening please proceed to section 2 or 3.

- In the add orders window enter type into Find field
- Select order for Type and Screen

Please note the Type and Screen is PART of a Type and Cross. If a crossmatch has already been completed you do NOT need to enter an order for a Screen.

Section 2

UNITS to HOLD or for SURGERY – Units will be pulled specifically for your patient and will be held until administration order is placed.

- In the add orders window enter Set Up into Find field
- Select Set Up order for specific blood product type (RBC’s or Platelets) that you wish to hold
- In the order details indicate how many units you’re requesting
- Select HOLD or SURGERY for Blood Bank Reason

Please note that Fresh Frozen Plasma and Cryoprecipitate need to be ordered at the point you actually want to transfuse the product. DO NOT ORDER TO HOLD. Please proceed to section 3 for instruction.
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**Section 3**

**UNITS to TRANSFUSE** – Units will be ordered for planned or immediate transfusion as indicated by the order details.

- In the add orders window enter **TRANSFUSE** into the Find field
- Select **Transfuse care set** for the specific blood product type (RBC’s, Platelets, etc...) that you wish to transfuse.
- An orderset will open that includes the **Type and Cross Order** (for RBC’s), **Set Up Fresh Frozen Plasma** (for FFP), or **Set up Platelets** (for platelets) in addition to medications and nursing orders (see screenshots to the right)
- **NOTE:** If the patient already has Plasma or RBC units on hold from a previous Type and Cross order make sure to uncheck the Set Up order at the top of the orderset.
- Select desired orders from the careset. Make sure to leave **Nursing to Administer Blood Product** checked so that the RN will get the task to transfuse the ordered product.
- Within the Nursing to Administer order make sure to specify desired number of units to infuse.