

What you should know

Safe transfusion sampling



1 Check



what samples are required using Clinical Portal. Do you need a confirmatory sample?

2 Print & take



the pre-transfusion request form to the bedside before you obtain a blood sample.

3 Follow



the correct bedside check for pre transfusion blood sampling.

4 Take one



blood sample and hand write the label at the bedside.

Blood bank will ISSUE components if the results of both samples match.

The consequences of transfusing a patient with an ABO incompatible blood group can lead to **DEATH**.

If a confirmatory sample is required, ideally, a different person should carry out a separate bedside identification check and separate venepuncture episode.

If you take two samples at the same time & you have bled the wrong patient or if you label the sample from the correct patient with someone else's details **BOTH** samples will group identically but **WRONG**.

The confirmatory sample rule will not cause a delay to patients receiving blood and blood components in emergency cases. Follow site specific Major Haemorrhage Protocol.