

# Piedmont Augusta Blood Bank Laboratory

## Test Ordering: Quick Reference Guide

<b>Test Name: Blood Type-Group &amp; RH (Mnemonics: GROUP RH)</b>	
<b>When to Order:</b>	This test is <b>generally</b> ordered in the <b>ER</b> on <b>pregnant</b> female patients who are experiencing vaginal bleeding to determine if they are eligible for <b>RH Immune Globulin (RhoGAM)</b> . <b>Only</b> order this test if <b>RhoGAM may be needed</b> .
<b>When Not to Order:</b>	This test <b>should not</b> be ordered if the patient may need blood products. If blood products may be required, order a <b>Type and Hold (TYHD)</b> instead.
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	The <b>RhoGAM can only</b> be obtained from the <b>Blood Bank lab</b> .

<b>Test Name: Type &amp; Screen/Hold (Mnemonics: TYHD)</b>	
<b>When to Order:</b>	This test should be ordered if blood is <b>not needed but might <u>be needed later</u></b> . For example, this test should be order for surgical events where blood transfusions are generally not needed or expected. The <b>only</b> testing procedures completed with this test are the patient's blood type and a basic blood antibody screen.  <b>No blood will be setup for transfusion.</b>
<b>Blood Bank Armband:</b>	The blood bank armband for a <b>TYHD test will expire at mid-night on the 3rd day</b> after the patient's blood has been drawn. <b>Note:</b> If the blood was drawn after 9pm, the computer will add <b>1 more day</b> to the expiration date. The date of draw is considered to be day 1 of the expiration period.
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	If units are needed after a TYHD has been ordered, <b>do not order a Type and Crossmatch. Please place an add-on order to the existing order and call the Blood Bank to obtain blood units.</b>

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<b>Test Name: Type &amp; Crossmatch (Mnemonics: XM)</b>	
<b>When to Order:</b>	This test should be ordered if blood is <b>needed initially</b> once the sample is drawn or if there is a <b>strong likelihood</b> that blood will be needed during a procedure (i.e. surgery). This test will ensure that the patient's blood type is determined, a basic blood antibody screen is completed and donor blood units are setup for transfusion.
<b>Blood Bank Armband:</b>	The blood bank armband for a <b>XM will expire at midnight on the 3rd day</b> after the patient's blood has been drawn. <b>Note:</b> If the blood was drawn after 9pm, the computer will add <b>1 more day</b> to the expiration date. The date of draw is considered to be day 1 of the expiration period.
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	After the initial donor units are administered, <b>do not order another XM</b> if additional units are need. <b>Instead please place an add-on order to the existing order and call the Blood Bank to obtain additional units.</b>

<b>Test Name: Platelets (Mnemonics: PLT)</b>	
<b>When to Order:</b>	Platelets ( <b>PLT</b> ) component products can <b>only have 1 computer order per day</b> . Please call the Blood Bank each time <b>PLTs</b> are needed throughout the day after the initial computer order has been completed.
<b>Blood Bank Armband:</b>	The blood bank armband <b>will not expire for platelets pheresis packs</b> provided that the armband remains <b>legible and on the patient</b> .
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	Platelets are dispensed in packs <b>only</b> . One pack of platelets is equivalent to 6 to 10 random units of platelets. Please make the necessary calculations to determine how many <b>PLT</b> packs to request. For example, if you require 4 platelet units, you will receive 1 <b>PLT</b> pack. If you require 12 units of platelets, you will receive 2 <b>PLT</b> packs. <b>Please Call the Blood Bank at Least 30-40 Minute before coming to pick up PLT packs.</b>

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<b>Test Name: Fresh Frozen Plasma (Mnemonics: FFP)</b>	
<b>When to Order:</b>	Plasma (FFP) component products can <b>only Have 1 Computer Order Per Day</b> . Please call the Blood Bank each time FFP are needed throughout the day after the initial computer order has been completed.
<b>Blood Bank Armband:</b>	The blood bank armband <b>will not expire</b> for FFP provided that the armband remains <b>legible and on the patient</b> .
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	<b>Please Call the Blood Bank at Least 30-40 Minute before coming to pick up the units so that the FFP can be thawed appropriately. Once thawed, the FFP Will Expire Within 5 days.</b>

<b>Test Name: Cryoprecipitate (Mnemonics: CRYO)</b>	
<b>When to Order:</b>	(CRYO) component products can <b>only have 1 computer order per day</b> . Please call the Blood Bank each time CRYO are needed throughout the day after the initial computer order has been completed.
<b>Blood Bank Armband:</b>	The blood bank armband <b>Will Not Expire</b> for CRYO provided that the armband remains <b>legible and on the patient</b> .
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	Please confirm with the physician the cubic centimeter (cc) of CRYO needed for the patient before placing an order. Each vial holds 10cc of CRYO. Therefore, if you require 10 cc of CRYO, you will get 1 vial. If you require 50 cc of CRYO, you get 5 vials. Once pooled, the <b>CRYO Will Expire Within 4 Hours</b> . <b>Please call the blood bank to obtain additional vials as needed.</b>

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