

NEW! Consent for Blood Product Transfusion

A new dedicated *Consent for Blood Product Transfusion* is available on the [intranet Consent webpage](#), [Clinical Resource Center](#) in downtime forms and as an eConsent.

This consent does not replace the *Consent for Operation, Procedures, Blood Transfusion and Administration of Anesthetics* for patients who consent to blood transfusion related to an operation/procedure.

Why?

- Providers requested a blood transfusion consent for patients not undergoing an operation/procedure.
- Standardizes the information given to all patients for informed decision-making.
- Easier to identify a completed blood consent in Epic EMR.

Who should receive this consent form?

- ✓ Medical patients requiring blood transfusions.
- ✓ Surgical patients requiring blood transfusions for conditions **unrelated** to their consented procedure.

When completing this consent form:

- ✓ Select appropriate setting

CONSENT FOR BLOOD PRODUCT TRANSFUSION

Date _____ to _____

Select setting: ☐ Inpatient ☐ Outpatient ☐ **Blood Refusal**
(Review refusal documents)

Inpatient Admission: this consent is valid length of admission.

Outpatient/Ambulatory (e.g. infusion, apheresis): Serial consent is valid for 1 year.

- STOP** If a patient selects "I refuse transfusion of blood or blood products", please mark the **Blood Refusal** box for easy identification and promote patient safety.

Blood Consent FAQs:

Q: The patient already has a surgical consent; do I need this consent form?

A: A new blood consent is **not required** if transfusion is possible during or after the consented procedure.

A new consent **is required** if the transfusion is unrelated to the consented procedure or if they are a medical patient not undergoing a procedure.

Q: What if transfusion is required during an emergency?

A: Consent is not required in case of an emergency. The physician must clearly document the emergent condition and use of blood. Obtain consent once stable and ongoing transfusions are needed.

Q: What if a patient refuses blood transfusions?

A: Complete "[Refusal to Permit Medical/Surgical Treatment](#)" form. Notify Blood Bank (4-2585) immediately.

Q: Are two physicians allowed to consent on behalf of a patient?

A: Not permitted by California or Federal law. If unable to consent a patient, review Hospital [Policy 1415](#).

Resources:

[Hospital Policy 1312 Administration of Blood and Blood Products](#)
[Hospital Policy 1438 Refusal to Accept Blood Transfusions](#)

Questions? Please contact the **Transfusion Safety Officer** (4-2585). For consent questions, contact **Risk Management**.