

MEDICAL CENTER

Patient Blood Management

Transfusion Services: 4-2585

NEW! Consent for Blood Product Transfusion

A new dedicated *Consent for Blood Product Transfusion* is available on the <u>intranet Consent webpage</u>, <u>Clinical Resource</u> Center in downtime forms and as an eConsent.

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

Why?

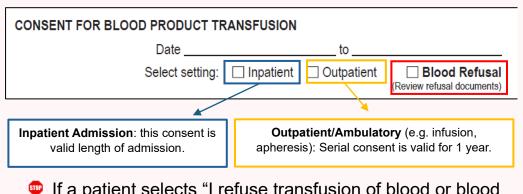
- Providers requested a blood transfusion consent for patients not undergoing an operation/procedure.
- Standardizes the information given to all patients for informed decision-making.
- Easier to identify a completed blood consent in Epic EMR.

Who should receive this consent form?

- ✓ Medical patients requiring blood transfusions.
- Surgical patients requiring blood transfusions for conditions <u>unrelated</u> to their consented procedure.

When completing this consent form:

✓ Select appropriate setting



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 <u>not</u> <u>required</u> if transfusion is possible during or after the consented procedure.

A new consent <u>is required</u> 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 <u>"Refusal to Permit Medical/Surgical Treatment"</u> form. Notify Blood Bank (4-2585) immediately.

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

A: <u>Not permitted</u> by California or Federal law. If unable to consent a patient, review Hospital <u>Policy</u> 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.**