

## Patient Blood Transfusion Refusal

At UC Davis Health, patients may refuse blood transfusions for any reason and their choice must be well documented and communicated to avoid a transfusion-related safety event. Please complete the following steps if your patient refuses blood transfusions:

1. Notify **Transfusion Services at 916-734-2585**. The blood refusal status will be updated into the laboratory information system (LIS). This is a **CRITICAL safety step** to prevent blood products from reaching the patient.
2. The patient/patient representative must complete [“Refusal to Permit Medical/Surgical Treatment”](#) by paper form or electronically by e-Consent.
3. For minor patients, parents/guardians need to be aware that state law (and UC Davis Health) may not uphold this choice for minor children when death or serious disability might otherwise occur. The following document needs to be reviewed and signed by the parent or guardian, [“Information for Families Regarding Minor Jehovah’s Witness Patients and Blood Products”](#).
4. Patients/representative can complete an optional document, [“Documentation of Blood Product Acceptance and/or Refusal”](#), for a detailed checklist of potential transfusion alternatives and blood loss prevention strategies that can be refused or accepted.

Please contact **Risk Management (4-3883)** with any questions about a patient's/patient representative's refusal to accept blood transfusions.

**Review the following policies for more information:**

[1438 Refusal to Accept Blood Transfusions](#)

[13012 Administration of Blood and Blood Components](#)

Questions? Please contact the **Transfusion Safety Officer** for more information.

Transfusion Services: [916-734-2585](#)