


<b>Name of Policy:</b>	<b>Blood Transfusion Identification Wristbands</b>	 <b>Effective Date:</b> 6/10/2008 Initial Effective Date: 3/25/1983
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<b>Department:</b>	Pathology-Laboratory	
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<b>Responsible Agent:</b>	Manager, Lab	
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**(A) Policy Statement**


The laboratory has a policy for unique identification of patients and specimens for compatibility testing in the form of Blood Transfusion Identification Wrist Bands.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To ensure proper identification of patients who have orders for a type and screen or compatibility testing for blood transfusion.

**(C) Procedure**

1. Identify patient by name and number on hospital wrist band and ask patient to state his/her full name.
2. Explain procedure to patient.
3. Fill in all blanks on red wrist band at bedside at time specimen is drawn and before leaving patient.
4. Obtain information from patient's wrist band and use indelible ballpoint pen when filling out label on Blood Bank wrist band. DO NOT use a felt tip pen for any of this labeling.
5. Place bracelet I.D. label in red I.D. wrist band and apply to patient's wrist. Place peel off label on specimen tube.
6. Instruct patient not to remove wrist band.
7. Wrist band MUST NOT be cut off until 72 hours following sample collection whether or not patient is transfused.
8. Blood shall not be given if the patient is not wearing the I.D. or its numbers do not correspond with the I.D. number of the unit.
9. If there is any doubt on any of the procedures, call the Blood Transfusion Service, (extension 5212).

<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Review/Revision Date:</b>
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