(A) Policy Statement

All blood/blood components will be administered using an appropriate filter.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To assure the safest possible administration of blood/blood components.

(C) Procedure

1. Standard Blood Filter (Pore size 170-260 micron), as supplied on the standard blood administration set, is used for routine transfusion of RBC, platelets, granulocytes, and fresh frozen plasma and cryoprecipitate. The administration set is available on all nursing units.

2. Microaggregate Filter (20-40 micron) is indicated for transfusion of post-operative salvage blood.