Name of Policy: Investigation of Suspected Transfusion-Transmitted Disease

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(A) Policy Statement

The Blood Transfusion Service investigates and evaluates cases of suspected transfusion-transmitted disease.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To indicate the need for patient care in confirmed cases of disease transmission and to identify blood products and donors carrying transfusion-transmitted disease.

(C) Procedure

1. Infection Control identifies cases of suspected transfusion-transmitted disease and reports such cases to the Blood Transfusion Service Medical Director.
2. Infection Control reviews the patient record for history of derivatives, transfusion and dialysis.
3. The Blood Transfusion Service determines the unit numbers of blood products transfused to the patient and the dates of these transfusions.
4. If blood components or derivatives are suspected or identified as the source of infection, the Blood Transfusion Service Medical Director or Director of Clinical Laboratories notifies the Medical Director of the American Red Cross Blood Services by established protocol. See ARC Adverse Effects Reporting File.

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