



IT MATTERS

For All Lab Staff, Providers and Nurses

Ensure Safe Blood Products Transfusions with Enhanced Procedures

Effective Monday, Oct. 12

On **Monday, Oct. 12**, enhanced blood product transfusion procedures go into effect, improving patient safety. To streamline our patient care process, lab staff must update patients' medical history to meet new type and screen requirements and contact nurses, as needed. Providers are also encouraged to proactively review patients' histories and order blood type and screens, as needed.

Click [here](#) for more on training and additional detail for physicians, laboratory and nursing.

Training

- Lab staff: Complete this online training: [Lab LMS for 2nd ABO–Epic ABO and Rh Confirmation Training \(course #1582155\)](#) by Oct. 12.
- Providers and nurses: Review [this tip sheet](#).

Physicians

- ABO confirmation is automatically generated with **Type and Screen** order.
- Order goes to **Sign and Hold** phase of care.
- Order will be released by lab personnel if needed, or it will be cancelled automatically at discharge if not needed.

Laboratory

- Check for historical type when you receive a **Prepare Order**. Release **Confirmation** order if needed and notify nursing.

Nursing

- Collect and label specimen appropriately and send to the lab as soon as possible.