

Blood Transfusion: Administration

Candidate name:	Assessor name:
Job title:	Job title:
Signed:	Signed:
Trust/organisation:	Date of assessment:

PASS	FAIL
<p>The candidate has passed an observed assessment of administration of blood components: it is their responsibility to ensure they do all of these steps for every blood component they set up/give.</p>	

Observed assessment

Core identifiers: last name, first name, date of birth, unique patient ID number

[or in an emergency where patient identity is unknown, alternate unique identifiers as per local policy]

Full set of observations: temperature, pulse, blood pressure and respiratory rate

Action:	Circle Y or N here to indicate whether action was performed or not ↓	
1. Written authorisation of transfusion		
Candidate checked patient ID on prescription against patient ID on wristband	Y	N
Candidate checked that the reason for transfusion was documented	Y	N
Candidate checked informed consent for transfusion had been discussed and documented	Y	N
Candidate checked the blood component 'prescription', including rate, volume, signature	Y	N
Candidate checked for special requirements and any concomitant medication	Y	N
2. Readiness of the blood component and the patient		
Candidate checked component available and patient ready with patent venous access	Y	N
Candidate checked that baseline full set of observations have been recorded	Y	N
Candidate checked component expiry date, and inspected for leaks or discolouration	Y	N
Candidate checked correct component type and compatible blood group has been issued	Y	N
Candidate checked unique blood bag donation number matched that on compatibility label	Y	N
Candidate checked any special requirements are noted on the blood component		
3. Identification of the patient		
<u>a) Conscious patient:</u>		
Candidate asked the patient to state their last name, first name, and date of birth	Y	N
Candidate checked these all match the patient's wristband/risk assessed equivalent	Y	N
Candidate checked all patient core identifiers match those on the blood compatibility label	Y	N
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<u>b) Unconscious / emergency unknown inpatient:</u>		
Candidate checked all patient core identifiers on the patient's wristband/risk assessed equivalent match those on the blood compatibility label	Y	N
4. Setting up the transfusion		
Candidate completed all checks listed on pre-transfusion checklist	Y	N
Candidate set up the transfusion using the correct giving set for the blood component	Y	N
Candidate set up the transfusion using correct rate as per 'prescription'	Y	N
Candidate ensured transfusion started within 30 minutes of removal from controlled storage		
Candidate signed for and documented transfusion start time and date as soon as it had been set up (or electronically verified these details)		
5. Monitoring the patient		
Candidate informed the patient of transfusion reaction symptoms, and advised them to alert clinical staff immediately if feeling unwell during/after transfusion	Y	N
Candidate checked and recorded a full set of observations at 15 minutes into transfusion	Y	N
Candidate checked that patient would be appropriately observed throughout the transfusion		
Candidate ensured the blood component was transfused within maximum time allowed	Y	N
Candidate checked and recorded a full set of observations at end of transfusion	Y	N
6. Finishing the transfusion		
Candidate signed and documented (or electronically verified) end time of transfusion	Y	N
Candidate completed traceability documentation/process for the blood component	Y	N
Candidate disposed of blood pack and giving set according to local policy	Y	N

Candidate should explain what they are doing when it is not an observable action

All the above must be achieved in this order to pass the observed assessment