



**INSTRUCTION SHEET  
SUBMISSION OF PATIENT BLOOD SAMPLE**

- Collect a minimum of two EDTA tubes within 3 days of intended transfusion.
- See table below for the sample requirements.

<b>Transfusion History</b>	<b># of Tubes to be drawn</b>	<b>Affix BBID to ...</b>
No history of patient's blood type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 samples drawn at different times by two separate individuals if possible</li> <li>• Verification of patient identification must be made prior to collection of each sample</li> </ul>	Both tubes
Patient's historical blood type is available	2 tubes (can be drawn by the same individual)	Both tubes.

- An official Laboratory Report of the patient' ABO/Rh(D) type will be accepted as a patient historical blood type.
- Ideally, the samples will be drawn by 2 people drawing 2 separate samples. If Staffing is prohibitive, one staff member may draw two separate samples.
- Affix a BBID number matching the one attached to the patient's wristband to the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components form.
- Label each tube of blood submitted with at least the following information:
  - Patient's full name, last name first, including middle initial, if any.
  - Patient identification number (ex. Medical Record Number).
  - Date of birth.
  - Date and time of collection.
  - Initials of person drawing the sample.
- Verify patient's name, patient identification number, date of birth, and BBID prior to collection of each sample.
- Verify information on the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components Form with information on the tube label prior to submitting to the blood center.
- Place all tubes in a plastic biohazard bag after collection. Attach the Request for Transfusion of Blood Components to the outside of the bag.
- Keep sample at room temperature or refrigerate samples between 1-10°C until ready to transport to LifeStream.
- Call LifeStream Reference Laboratory at (909) 386-6858 to request the pickup.

**NOTE:** If additional units of blood are needed for a patient and the previous specimen was drawn within 3 days of the next transfusion, new samples are not required. Submit only a new request by fax.