

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

SUBJECT:	Location, Storage and Procurement of Blood Supplies	NO. 25 PAGE NO. 1 of 2
-----------------	---	---------------------------

Original Date of Issue: 4/8/85

Reviewed:	4/88	3/89	1/93	5/94	2/97	10/98	9/99	5/00
	1/03	4/06						
Revised:	10/90	6/91	9/94	12/96				

Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY: Blood and blood products are available to the emergency department from the Blood Bank, KCC B-2, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

PROCEDURE:

1. Cryoprecipitate and factor concentrates are also available. Please consult the Hemophilia Book for each patient or the Hemophilia Nurse Clinician/Fellow for patients not in the book or questions not answered.
2. Requests for Blood (red blood cell and other blood components)
 - a. Reserving Blood: Indicate clearly on form C-8-C-5 the blood component being requested. One unit of blood will be reserved for each request form received in the Blood Bank. If less than one unit of blood is desired, mark the request accordingly, e.g., 100ml, 50ml, etc. If more than one unit is necessary, fill out a separate request form for each unit or aliquot required.
 - b. PLEASE NOTE: Blood reservation slips must be filled out as completely as possible to ensure rapid turnaround time and completed results. The date and time of intended transfusion is required for expediting requests in a timely fashion and the name of the requesting doctor must appear on the requisition.
 - c. Routine Requests For Blood are to be completed in three to four hours time by the Blood Bank.
 - d. Urgent (STAT) Request: Transfusion is likely to be needed within 3 hours and before blood could be made available by routine procedures.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

SUBJECT:	Location, Storage and Procurement of Blood Supplies	NO. 25 PAGE NO. 2 of 2
-----------------	---	---------------------------

- 4a. In the event of a medical emergency of catastrophic proportions (see Medical Emergency Preparedness Plan), 30 units of O negative blood can be made available to the ED immediately upon request. Waiver forms will be sent with the packed cells.
- 4b. In the event of a trauma team or other massive bleed considered to be fatal without immediate transfusion, 2 units untyped O negative can be made instantly available upon request.

Upon notification of the Blood Bank supervisor, type specific blood can be made available within 10 minutes and is always preferable to untyped blood. As soon as possible cross matched blood should be given. (Turnaround time for EMS standards for cross matched blood is forty five minutes.)

PLEASE CAUTION

If the specimen tube is not labeled or is inappropriately labeled,
or if the request form is incomplete or illegible,
patient care area will be notified and the specimen will not be processed.