

# BLOOD ADMINISTRATION PRACTICE CHANGES

GOING LIVE SEPTEMBER 30TH

## *NURSING TIP SHEET*

*TEMPERATURE SOURCE NOW REQUIRED  
FOR VITAL SIGNS*

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*INFUSION STARTS WHEN THE FIRST DROP  
OF BLOOD ENTERS THE PATIENT*

### Vital signs (VS).

- At baseline, immediately prior to starting the transfusion-**(authorized transfusionist only)**
  - Within first 15 minutes, preferably between 10-15 minutes**(authorized transfusionist only)**
  - 45-60 minutes after transfusion starts**(can delegate)**
  - Within 1 hour after completion of transfusion **(authorized transfusionist only)**
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**RATES:** BEST PRACTICE IS TO START RBCS AT 120ML/HR FOR THE FIRST 15 MINUTES (30ML TV) AND THEN ADJUST THE RATE TO COMPLETE WITHIN THE ORDERED TIME

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