

BLOOD ADMINISTRATION PRACTICE CHANGES

GOING LIVE SEPTEMBER 30TH

NURSING TIP SHEET

*TEMPERATURE SOURCE NOW REQUIRED
FOR VITAL SIGNS*

*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



Questions?
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