

CHANGES TO THE TRANSFUSION RECORD

All Locations that Transfuse Blood Components/Products
Date 30th August 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ New guidance for starting RBC, platelet, plasma & cryoprecipitate transfusions (blood components)

Tech:

Date/Time Issued: 28 Aug '23 10:00

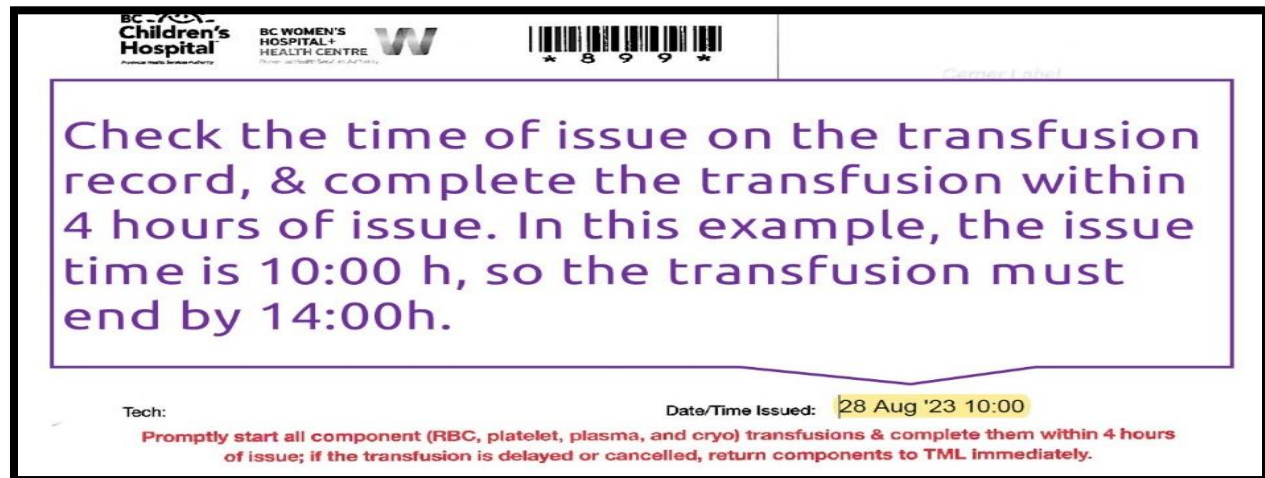
Promptly start all component (RBC, platelet, plasma, and cryo) transfusions & complete them within 4 hours of issue; if the transfusion is delayed or cancelled, return components to TML immediately.

- ▶ The change is based on feedback from C&W nurses

What is new...What is the same?

- The instructions no longer state that the transfusion must start within 20 minutes
- Instructions are to:
 - Start the transfusion **promptly*** & complete within 4 hours of issue ***NEW**
 - Immediately return components to TML if the transfusion is delayed or cancelled

How does this affect my practice? What do I need to do next?



The image shows a sample transfusion record label. At the top, it features the logos for BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital+ Health Centre, along with a barcode and the number 899. The main text in a purple box reads: "Check the time of issue on the transfusion record, & complete the transfusion within 4 hours of issue. In this example, the issue time is 10:00 h, so the transfusion must end by 14:00h." Below this, it says "Tech:" and "Date/Time Issued: 28 Aug '23 10:00". At the bottom, it repeats the instruction: "Promptly start all component (RBC, platelet, plasma, and cryo) transfusions & complete them within 4 hours of issue; if the transfusion is delayed or cancelled, return components to TML immediately."

What are some additional resources and supports?

- Refer to the relevant procedure in SHOP ([volumetric/syringe/NICU](#))

Whom do I contact for further information?

- Transfusion Safety Nurse Clinician on 2287 or "Transfusion Nurse" on Vocera