

## Timing of the Pre-transfusion Patient Assessment

<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The timeframe is <b>extended to 60 minutes</b> from 30 minutes.</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>⚠️ The baseline vital signs must be recorded no greater than <b>60</b> minutes before the start of the transfusion and <b>before spiking the bag</b>.</p> </div>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on feedback from nurses &amp; transfusion audits.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extending the timeframe for the pre-transfusion assessment to "<b>within 60 minutes</b>" of starting the <b>transfusion</b> gives you more time to complete the task.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I find out more?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration of blood procedures &amp; reference guides in SHOP</li> </ul>
<p><b>Who do I contact for further information?</b></p>	<p>Transfusion Safety Nurse Clinician:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="mailto:Clare.oreilly@cw.bc.ca">Clare.oreilly@cw.bc.ca</a></li> <li>"transfusion nurse" on Vocera, or</li> <li>at local 2287</li> </ul>