

ALTERNATE IDENTIFIER FOR PRE-TRANSFUSION SAMPLE STANDARDIZATION – TRANSFUSION

OVERVIEW

At Go-Live

- ▶ For patients who cannot “self-identify”, i.e. state their name & date of birth (DOB):
 - An alternate identifier (parent or RN) must confirm the patient’s identity, *and*
 - The name of the alternate identifier must be recorded on the requisition
- ▶ An alternate identifier is a person (parent or nurse) who acts as a substitute for patients (infants & children) who cannot state their name & DOB.



KEY PRINCIPLES

- Patient Safety
- Required by Standards
- CST Standardization



Reduce errors and adverse events



Improve quality and consistency of care

How it works:

- If you are a primary RN caring for a patient who cannot self-identify:
 - Ask a parent or second RN to confirm the patient’s identity, and
 - Document the name of the alternate identifier on the requisition
- If you are a primary RN or providing break relief, Lab staff may ask you to be the “alternate identifier”, i.e. confirm the patient identity.
- If asked to confirm patient identity, use the patient ID band to confirm the patient identity.

Cerner Requisition

Patient identification provided by:

Patient
 or
 Alternate (family member, guardian or additional health care provider). Provide details:

Name of Alternate: _____
PRINT NAME

Downtime requisition

Name of the alternate* identifier:

*If the patient cannot self-identify, then a parent or RN must confirm the patient’s identity; and, their name must be recorded.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. C & W Pre-Transfusion Sample Collection Reference Guide on SHOP – coming soon

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