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Inclusion Criteria

- Blood product needed

Exclusion Criteria

- None

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Blood Ordering Pathway v8.1:

Place Orders - Inpatient, Outpatient, and ED

Stop and Review

Inclusion Criteria

- Blood product administration needed

Exclusion Criteria

- Outpatient preadmission for surgery (see [Place Orders - Pre-Admit for Surgery](#))
- OR procedure
- Bedside procedure

Off Pathway

Transfusion Needed?

Refer to GOC: Blood Product Transfusion Threshold Guideline (12008) (*for SCH only*)

Emergent Bleed

Non-emergent

Obtain Uncrossmatched Blood from Emergency Fridge

- Activate MTP. See P&P: Massive Transfusion Protocol (10668) (*for SCH only*)

Review and Update Blood Administration Navigator

- Add [Blood Special Requirements](#) based on diagnosis. Once charted, blood special requirements will automatically be added to blood orders
- Document transfusion thresholds and reason for thresholds in **Transfusion Profile SmartForm**
- Documentation of Suggested Premedications in **Transfusion Profile** displays in blood order sets

Routine

Inpatient and ED

- Use **Blood Administration** order set
- See [Blood Special Requirements](#)
- For platelet transfusion, see [CSW Platelet Transfusion Pathway](#)
- EHR automatically selects:
 - ABO/RhD and Antibody Screen (Type & Screen)
 - ABO/RhD (confirmatory)
- Order premedications, if needed
- Complete **Prepare and Transfuse** orders
- Determine dose and rate of transfusion, see Job Aid: Blood Transfusions - Transfusion and Dosing (12056) (*for SCH only*)

Outpatient

- Use **Outpatient Blood Administration SmartSet** or Blood Therapy Plan
- See [Blood Special Requirements](#)
- Select appropriate pre-transfusion specimens:
 - ABO/RhD and Antibody Screen (Type & Screen)
 - ABO/RhD (confirmatory)
- Exception: check specimen availability for blood orders via Therapy plans
- Order premedications, if needed
- Complete **Prepare and Transfuse** orders
- Determine dose and rate of transfusion, see Job Aid: Blood Transfusions - Transfusion and Dosing (12056) (*for SCH only*)

Specimens Needed

RBCs

- < 4 months of age:
 - One type and screen needed for each hospital admission
- ≥ 4 months of age:
 - Type and Screen within 3 days of transfusion
 - One time only: Confirmatory ABO/Rh or prior Type and Screen

Platelets, Plasma, and Cryoprecipitate

- All patients:** one type and screen needed

Blood Sample(s) Required?

Yes

No

Draw Sample(s)

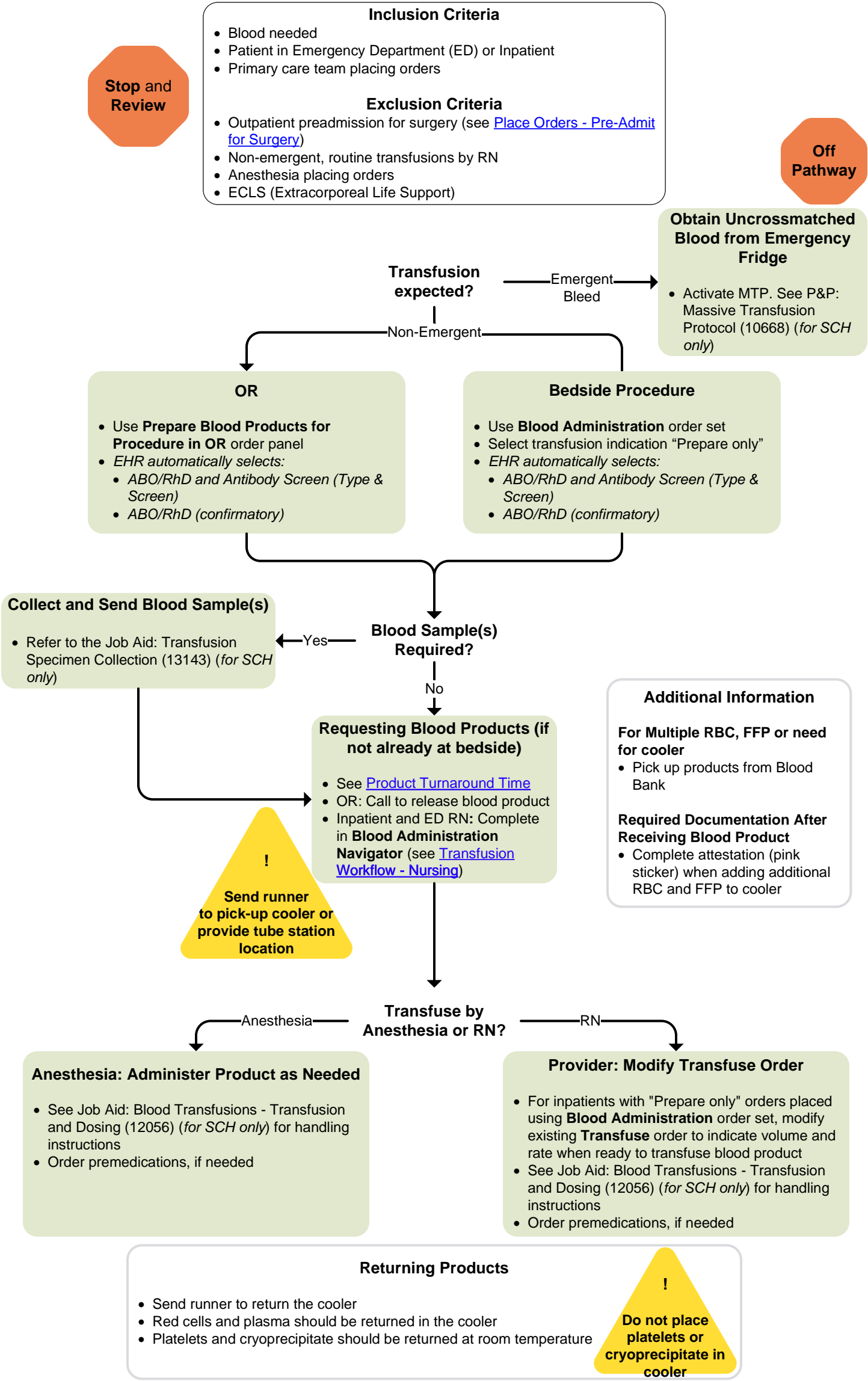
- Refer to the Job Aid: Transfusion Specimen Collection (13143) (*for SCH only*)
- If 2 ABO/RhD samples required, draw separately
- Use [Blood Testing for Transfusion \(PE1712\)](#) for education

Requesting and Administering Blood Products

- See [Product Turnaround Time](#)
- See [Transfusion Workflow - Nursing](#)

Blood Ordering Pathway v8.1:

Place Orders - OR or Bedside Procedure



Blood Ordering Pathway v8.1: Place Orders - Pre-Admit for Surgery

Stop and Review

Inclusion Criteria

- Blood ordered preoperatively in outpatient setting

Exclusion Criteria

- OR or Bedside procedure (see [Place Orders - OR or Bedside Procedure](#))
- Routine Inpatient, Outpatient, or ED (see [Place Orders - Inpatient, Outpatient, and ED](#))

Is patient pregnant or been transfused in the past 3 months?

Yes

No

History of Positive Antibody

- Consider ordering additional RBCs for surgery
- Allow time to acquire additional units from blood supplier (see [Product Turnaround Time](#))
- May need additional sample and time for crossmatching

Document Special Blood Needs in Blood Administration Navigator

- Add [Blood Special Requirements](#) based on diagnosis. Once charted, blood special requirements will automatically be added to blood orders
- Document transfusion thresholds and reason for thresholds in **Transfusion Profile SmartForm**
- Documentation of Suggested Premedications in **Transfusion Profile** displays in blood order sets

Order Samples and Products

- Collect ABO/RhD and Antibody Screen (Type & Screen) within 3 days of surgery
- Order Confirmatory ABO/RhD if required

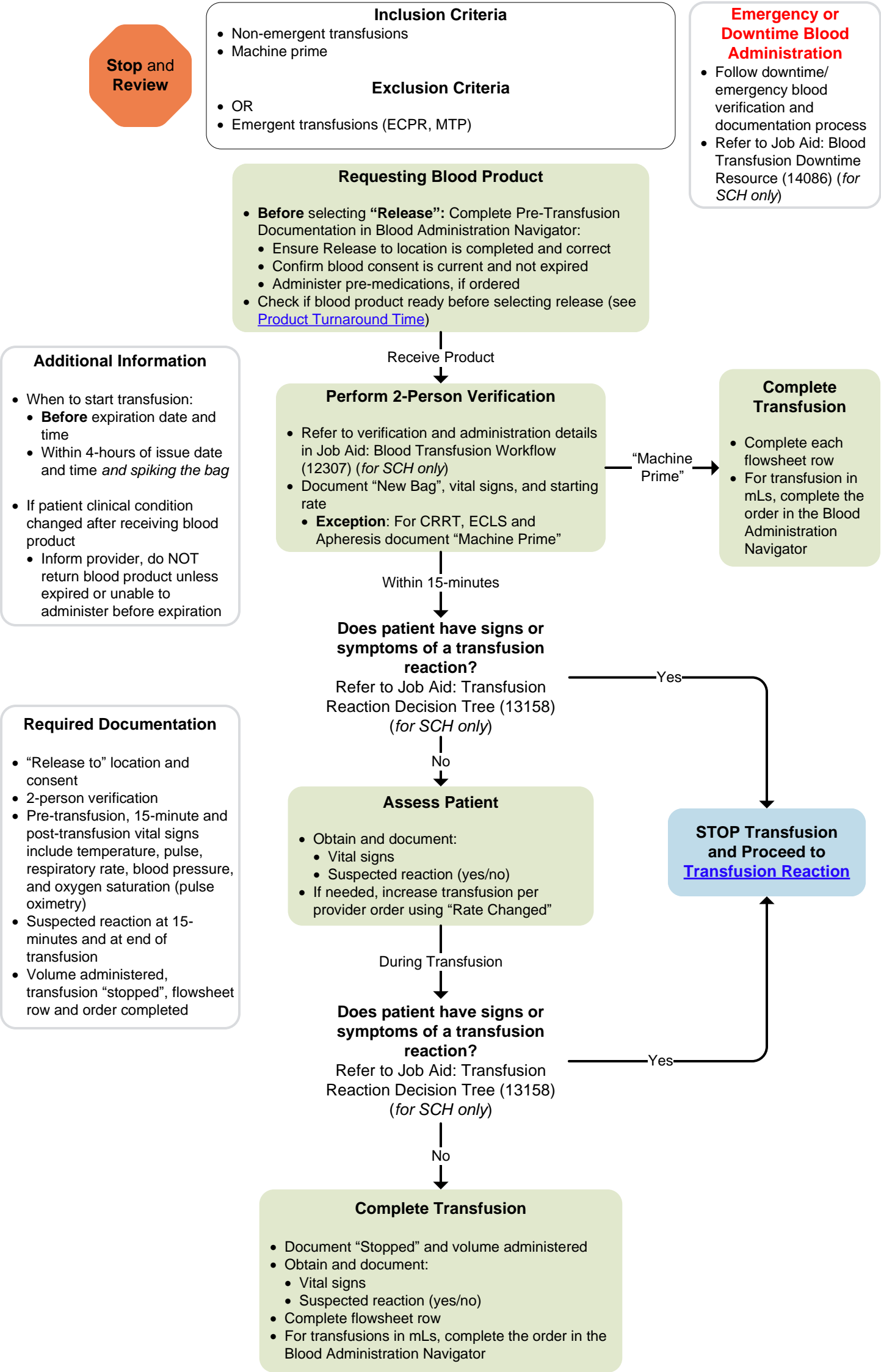
Order Pre-Admission Type and Screen

- Obtain Pre Admission Type and screen within 30 days of surgery
- Order Confirmatory ABO/RhD if required (no historical ABO type on file)

Order Blood Products

- Order blood (see [Product Turnaround Time](#)):
- For OR, order **Prepare Blood Products for Procedure in OR** order panel or **Anesthesia Blood Administration** order set
- For bedside procedure, order **Blood Administration** order set which will allow RN transfusion using BPAM

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Blood Ordering Pathway v8.1: Transfusion Reaction

Stop and Review

Inclusion Criteria

- Blood transfusion in process or completed

Exclusion Criteria

- None

For reactions, symptoms, and intervention, go to Job Aid: Transfusion Reaction Decision Tree (13158) (*for SCH only*)

For questions regarding transfusion diagnosis or management, call the Transfusion Service physician on call, available 24/7.

Immediate Actions

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- STOP TRANSFUSION (do not discard blood product or tubing)
- Provide supportive care
 - Stay with patient; ask for help
 - Notify the patient's provider
 - Monitor vital sign frequently
- Maintain IV access (do not flush existing line; use new IV tubing if required)
- Repeat patient/component ID check:
 - Patient ID/arm band
 - Blood bag label
 - Transfusion Report

Report

- Order **Transfusion Reaction Workup** in EHR (for RNs: per protocol)
- Fill out transfusion reaction form (pink)
- Send 1 EDTA (lavender top) tube along with the blood product, infusion set, and attached IV fluids with the completed transfusion reaction form to Seattle Children's Transfusion Service
 - Exception: For hives only reaction, a specimen is not required
- Report fatalities, unanticipated reactions, [serious complications](#), or [suspected disease transmission](#) possibly related to transfusion of blood or blood components to the Transfusion Service as soon as possible

Product Turnaround Time (TAT)

Product	Turnaround Time	Product Information
Red Blood Cells <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific volume ordered is provided by mL up to 150 mL Unit volume (~200-400 mL) 	20-30 minutes if product pre-ordered and testing complete. 2-4 hours if new sample, aliquot or supernatant removal required**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **If antibody screen is positive, several hours may be required to complete testing and acquire matched RBCs. Washed RBCs are not washed on-site and requires discussion with transfusion provider.
Platelets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single donor apheresis full unit (~200-400mL) Apheresis units may be aliquoted (mLs) 	Full unit: 20-30 minutes Aliquot or Plasma reduced: 45-60 minutes Washed: 60-90 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platelets in Platelet additive solution (PAS) are acceptable for all patients, all ABO types. Platelets in plasma prioritized for massive transfusion, cardiac and liver surgeries, ECMO, and patients receiving plasma. HLA matched platelets require discussion with transfusion provider.
Plasma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 mL divided units 200 - 400mL units 	20-45 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plasma may be ordered in mL or units.
Cryoprecipitate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single (order in mLs): ~ 10 mL 5-pool (order in Units): ~75 mL 	20-30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each single cryo unit is ~10mL, and orders can be placed in mL to receive 1-3 single cryo. Orders above 30mL may be dispensed as a 5-pool product.

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Blood Special Requirements

DO NOT modify blood special requirements unless you are a licensed independent provider (e.g. MD, NP).

ALL red blood cells (RBCs) and platelets are leukocyte reduced and considered CMV-safe.

All RBCs and platelets are irradiated unless "Do not irradiate RBCs" or "Irradiation not required" is selected and approved by Transfusion physician on-call.

Patient Type	Select blood special requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncology Severe immunodeficiency Cardiac surgery (If LESS THAN 2 years) 	Irradiated or Psoralen treated
Heart Transplant candidate or recipient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irradiated or Psoralen treated Supernatant removed RBCs for ABO-incompatible Heart transplant protocol < 24 months old
Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT)	Irradiated or Psoralen treated Other Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fred Hutch transfusion service office manages patients on BMT service For patients not managed by Fred Hutch (e.g., immunotherapy patient), complete "HSCT information" section of HSCT_Organ Transplant smart forms under "More menu"
Hemoglobinopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rh/K antigen-selected If sickle cell disease: Sickle Cell (Hgb S) Negative
History of repeated or moderate allergic transfusion reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allergic reaction (plasma reduced or PAS platelets) Consider if plasma required: Octaplas (pooled plasma) preferred for allergic reaction
History of SEVERE allergic transfusion reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washed Platelets* Supernatant removed RBCs or Washed RBCs* If plasma required: Octaplas (pooled plasma) preferred for allergic reaction *Requires Transfusion Service Physician On-call approval
Hyperkalemic/renal failure AND does not meet any other requirement for irradiated blood products	Consider: Do not irradiate RBCs
Infant less than 4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irradiated or Psoralen treated Sickle Cell (Hgb S) Negative
Liver transplant candidate or recipient	Irradiation not required (in most cases unless intestine transplant and/or other indication listed above {e.g., oncology, severe immunodeficiency, HSCT})
Patient receiving frequent (daily) RBC transfusions <100mL	Consider: Dedicated RBCs for multiple aliquots <100mL
Volume sensitive/overload	Volume overload (plasma reduce all platelets)

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Definitions

Serious Complications:

- Death
- Hemolytic transfusion reaction
- Bacterial contamination
- Transfusion-related acute lung injury
- Transfusion-associated graft versus host disease
- Post-transfusion purpura

Suspected disease transmission (transfusion-transmitted infection) may include:

- Bacterial contamination
- Hepatitis A, B, or C
- Chagas Disease
- HTLV-1 and HTLV-2
- Syphilis
- West Nile Virus
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

**Return To Transfusion
Reaction**

Summary of Version Changes

- **Version 1.0 (2/11/2015):** Go live.
- **Version 2.0 (5/27/2015):** Fixed box errors in Preadmit phase.
- **Version 3.0 (7/29/2015):** Implemented electronic process to request and verify receipt of blood products.
- **Version 4.0 (6/28/2016):** Updated dosing guidance for blood products.
- **Version 4.1 (3/11/2019):** Removed erroneous “to bibliography” button.
- **Version 5.0 (10/3/2020):** Updated algorithm to align with Epic.
- **Version 6.0 (4/1/2021):** Updated the Blood Special Requirements page in response to new platelet products being received from the American Red Cross and Bloodworks NW.
- **Version 7.0 (4/29/2022):** Periodic review go live with new formatting style and no changes to recommendations. Removed Blood Special Requirements page.
- **Version 8.0 (2/5/2024):** Added Transfusion Nursing workflow, Blood Special Requirements, and Product Turnaround Time. Updated algorithms to align with user feedback in order to increase utilization.
- **Version 8.1 (2/9/2024):** Added Blood Special Requirements links to TOC and Place Orders – Inpatient, Outpatient, and ED flow diagram. In Blood Special Requirements table, adjusted dedicated RBCs for multiple aliquots from <150mL to <100mL.

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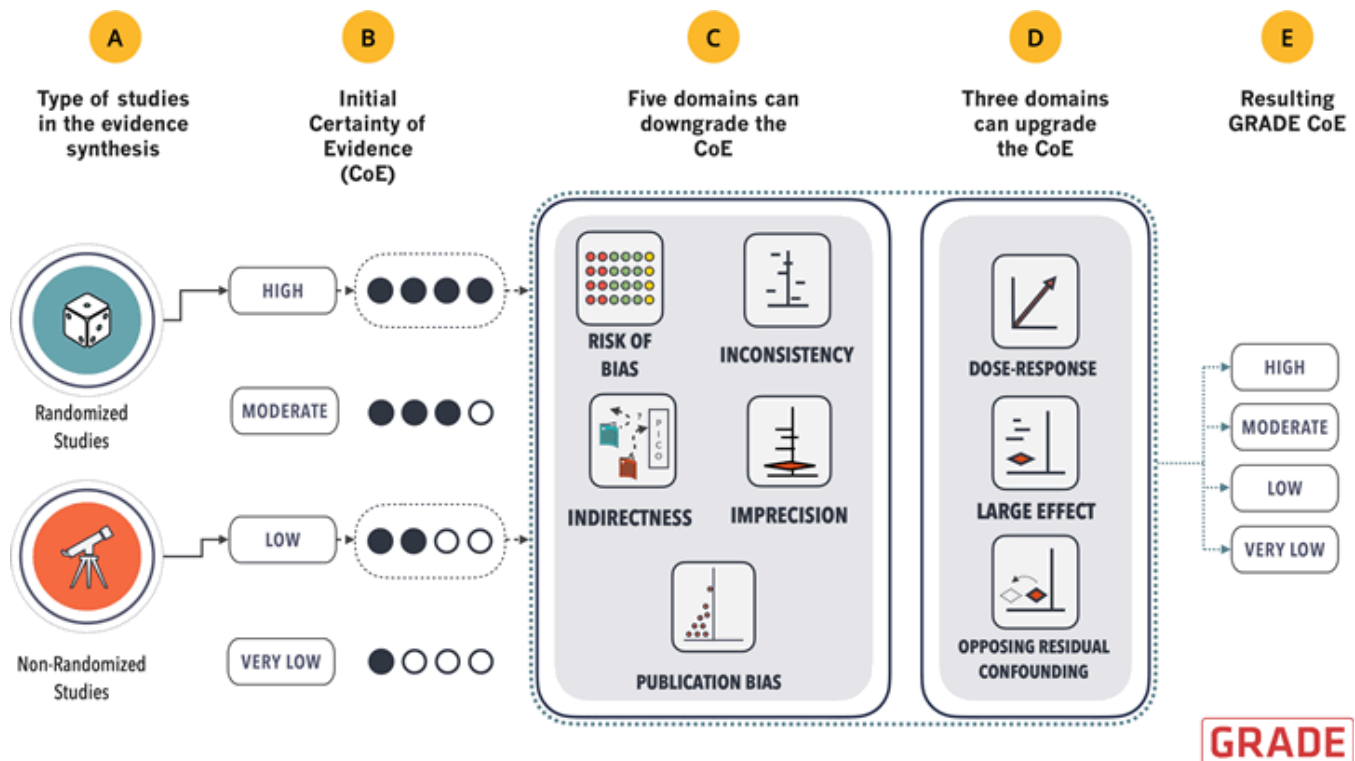
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Evidence Ratings

This pathway was developed through local consensus based on published evidence and expert opinion as part of Clinical Standard Work at Seattle Children's. Pathway teams include representatives from Medical, Subspecialty, and/or Surgical Services, Nursing, Pharmacy, Clinical Effectiveness, and other services as appropriate.

When possible, we used the GRADE method of rating evidence quality. Evidence is first assessed as to whether it is from randomized trial or cohort studies. The rating is then adjusted in the following manner (from: Guyatt G et al. J Clin Epidemiol. 2011;4:383-94, Hultcrantz M et al. J Clin Epidemiol. 2017;87:4-13, Klugar et al. J Clin Epidemiol. 2021 Nov 11;S0895-4356(21)00361-9.):



Source: Carlos Cuello

Certainty of Evidence

★★★★ High certainty: The authors have a lot of confidence that the true effect is similar to the estimated effect

★★★○ Moderate certainty: The authors believe that the true effect is probably close to the estimated effect

★★○○ Low certainty: The true effect might be markedly different from the estimated effect

★○○○ Very low certainty: The true effect is probably markedly different from the estimated effect

Guideline: Recommendation is from a published guideline that used methodology deemed acceptable by the team

Expert Opinion: Based on available evidence that does not meet GRADE criteria (for example, case-control studies)

Deductions labeled 1=risk bias, 2=indirectness, 3=imprecision, 4=inconsistency, 5=publication bias

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Literature Search Methods

For this update, we revised the search strategies in line with current Library practices. A literature search was conducted in September 2020 to target synthesized literature on patient blood management, blood specimen collection, blood administration, blood transfusion and blood safety for 2015 to current and limited to English and humans. The search was executed in Ovid Medline, Embase, Cochrane Database of Systematic Review (CDSR), and Turning Research into Practice database (TRIP).

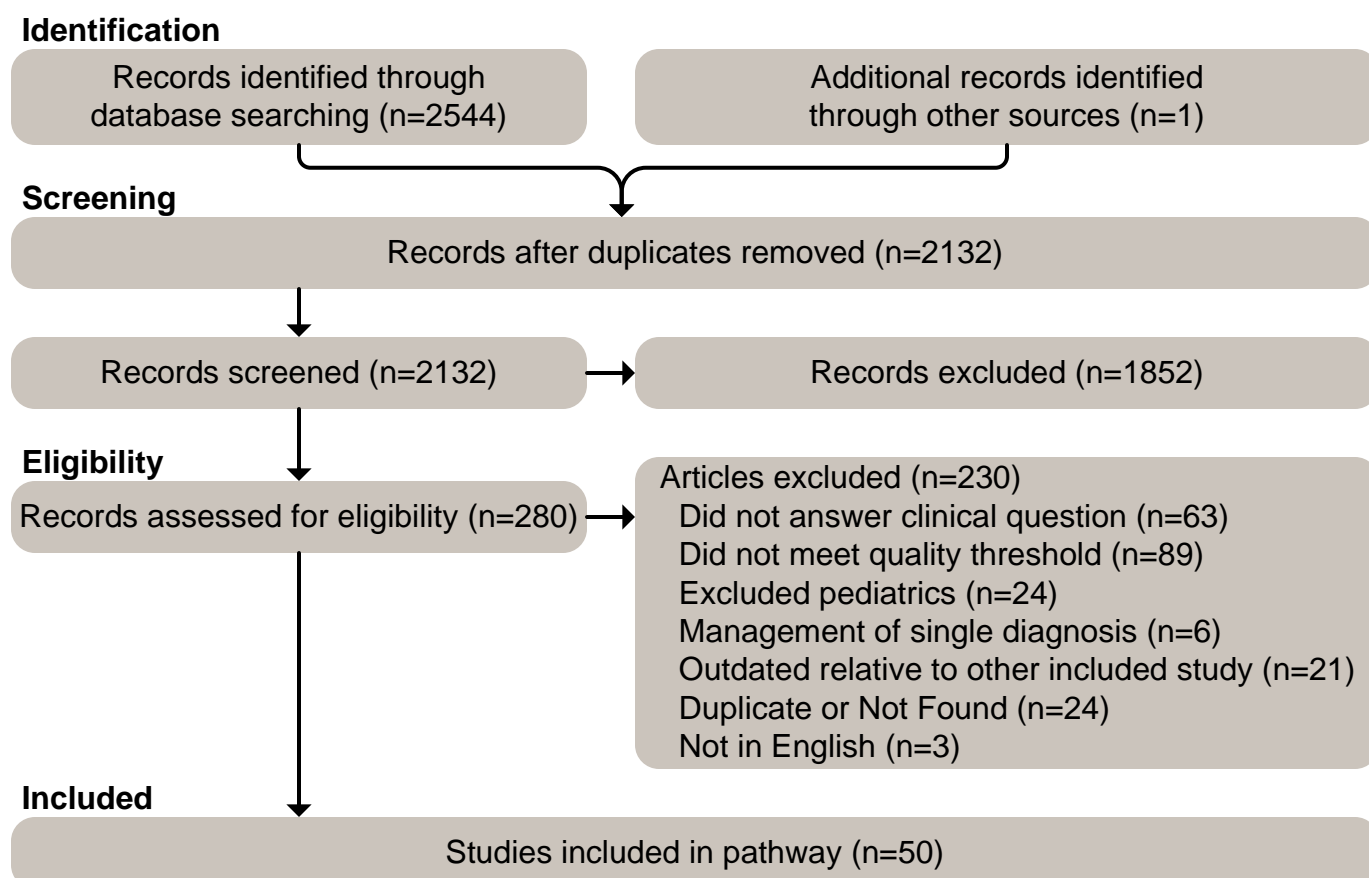
Screening and data extraction were completed using DistillerSR (Evidence Partners, Ottawa, Canada). Two reviewers independently screened abstracts and included guidelines and systematic reviews that addressed blood management, specimen collection, administration, transfusion, and safety. One reviewer screened full text and extracted data and a second reviewer quality checked the results. Differences were resolved by consensus.

Literature Search Results

The searches of the 4 databases (see Electronic searches) retrieved 2544 records. Our searches of other resources (known guidelines) identified 1 additional study that appeared to meet the inclusion criteria.

Once duplicates had been removed, we had a total of 2132 records. We excluded 1852 records based on titles and abstracts. We obtained the full text of the remaining 280 records and excluded 230.

We included 50 studies. The flow diagram summarizes the study selection process.



Flow diagram adapted from Moher D et al. BMJ 2009;339:bmj.b2535

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