



Nursing Practice Alert

EMS Patient Transportation & Blood Product Administration: The Nurse's Role

Focus points:

When sending a patient receiving blood transfusion:

1. Administer blood products to a patient that is being transferred to another facility – **do not delay!** Start the transfusion according to hospital policy.
2. Before EMS arrives, obtain (1) the DOH 5209 form 'EMS Transfer Blood Transfusion Record' and (2) the DOH 5210 form 'EMS Transfer Blood Transfusion Physician Orders' from Patient Works.
3. If the patient is being transported with additional units, obtain a cooler from the ED.
4. Document the amount of blood infused in the I&O record prior patient leaving the unit.
5. Document that the transfusion continues during transport in the EPIC flowsheets under '*Blood Product Actions*' by entering '*Transfer to EMS*'
6. Print the Clinical Summary (located in the Transport tab) to go with EMS and the patient.

When receiving a patient receiving blood transfusion:

1. Sign as the *Receiving Clinician* at the bottom of the DOH 5209/Transfusion Record.
2. Send any additional blood product units that were transported with the patient to the receiving blood bank.
3. Document the transfusion, including the post-transfusion vital signs, on the blood transfusion downtime forms and in EPIC.
4. Make a copy of the both the DOH 5209 & 5210 forms and place them in the patient's chart. EMS will keep the originals and submit copies to the receiving blood bank.
5. Send the empty blood transfusion bag and tubing to the blood bank.

See Policy: MSHS 120A

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