

## 2 REQUESTS FOR PRE TRANSFUSION TESTING

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### 2.2 COLLECTION OF PRE TRANSFUSION SAMPLES

The phlebotomy team will collect blood samples for elective transfusion.

Requests outside the phlebotomy team ward rounds are collected by medical staff, or by nursing staff collecting through CVC lines, etc

Blood specimens taken for cross matching/group and hold must have patient details handwritten on the tube. **Addressograph labels are not acceptable.**

Failure to properly identify the patient at the time of sample collection or infusion is the single biggest cause of fatal transfusion reactions.

The procedure for correct patient identification during sample collection must be followed at all times.

These steps are outlined in **Section 2.3 Correct Patient identification**