

Measure Abbreviation: TRAN 01

Measure Description: Percentage of cases with a blood transfusion that have a hemoglobin or hematocrit value documented prior to transfusion.

NQS Domain: Effective Clinical Care

Measure Type: Process

Measure Summary: Blood management protocols have been implemented to prevent unnecessary blood transfusions and therefore decrease the risk to patients and decrease resource utilization. This patient blood management measure evaluates the incidence of red blood cell transfusions that have a hemoglobin or hematocrit value documented prior to transfusion.

Inclusions: All surgical patients receiving anesthetics who receive a transfusion of red blood cells.

Exclusions:

- Massive Transfusion: Transfusion of 4 or more units of blood. If a cubic centimeter (cc) to unit conversion rate has not been provided, ASPIRE will default to 350cc/unit if transfusion is documented in cubic centimeters (cc's).
- EBL > 2000 ml
- Patients < 2 years of age
- Patients <12 years old undergoing a cardiac procedure (CPT: 00560, 00561, 00562, 00563, 00567, 00580).
- Burn cases (CPT Codes 01951, 01952, 01953)
- ASA 5 & 6

Success:

- Documentation of hemoglobin and/or hematocrit prior to blood transfusion
- Considerations:
 - For the first unit of transfusion, a hematocrit or hemoglobin of any value should be checked in a time period of 0 to 90 minutes before the transfusion, or the most recent documented hematocrit or hemoglobin of less than 24/8 should be within 36 hours of the transfusion.
 - If the last hemoglobin or hematocrit drawn before the first transfusion is $\leq 5/16$, a second unit could be administered without rechecking hematocrit/hemoglobin.
 - If a subsequent transfusion is administered, there should be a hematocrit/hemoglobin measurement before the subsequent transfusion, anywhere from 0 to 90 minutes before subsequent transfusion, or between initial and subsequent transfusion if time between those is less than 90 minutes.
 - Transfusion is defined as:
 - Packed Red Blood Cells-Autologous, Homologous, Unknown Type
 - Whole Blood-Homologous, Unknown Type
 - Categorized Note- Blood Products

Success- Considerations (continued):

- Hematocrit/hemoglobin are defined as:
 - POC - Blood gas-Hct measured, Hemoglobin
 - POC – Hematocrit spun
 - POC – Coulter counter – Hematocrit, Hemoglobin
 - Formal lab – Hematocrit, Hemoglobin
 - Formal lab - Blood gas - Hct measured, Hemoglobin

Threshold: 90%.

Responsible Provider: Provider(s) who administered blood product.

Risk Adjustment (for outcome measures):

Not applicable.

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