

AABB Inspection – Nursing Awareness & Readiness

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Applicable to: OSUWMC, The James and East Hospitals, and James Outpatient Care

Dear Nurse Managers,

Transfusion Services will be undergoing an inspection by the Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB) this week. This will be a minimum two-day inspection involving the following areas:

- UH Transfusion Service Department (supports UH and James Hospital)
- East Hospital Transfusion Service Department
- James Outpatient Care Site (supports West Campus, Morehouse, and Spielman)
- Apheresis Department in The James Hospital

While the majority of the inspection will focus on Transfusion Services' departmental processes and documentation review, inspectors will also follow a blood product from issue through transfusion, including direct observation of nursing transfusion practices.

Please include the following points in your unit huddles to ensure staff readiness:

- Please review current transfusion policies and procedures, with particular attention to:
 - Keeping the blood product/crossmatch tag attached to the blood product
 - Remaining with the patient during the first 10-15 minutes of transfusion
 - Appropriate documentation of required transfusion vital signs
 - Completion of required dual verification and documentation process
- Confirm all staff have completed required annual transfusion training
- Ensure staff are aware they may be audited or directly observed during transfusion activities

Your support in reinforcing these practices is essential to ensure a successful inspection and maintaining compliance with AABB standards.

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