

Patient Safety First!



Recognise and report adverse transfusion events to your blood bank to get clinical support and advice.

In the event of a suspected reaction:

Stop the transfusion immediately.

Call for assistance and notify the patient's doctor.

Keep venous access open for the patient with normal saline using a new drip set.

Manage the specific reaction (eg. allergic reaction, fever, dyspnoea).

Check that the correct blood product was transfused to the patient by verifying their identity and comparing this to the details on the product.

Once the patient has been stabilised, notify the blood bank.

Return all used and un-used blood products, including the giving sets, to the blood bank along with two post-transfusion EDTA patient samples.

Complete the doctor's report supplied by the blood bank.



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