

Memo

To: Allina Health Laboratory outreach clients

From: Allina Health Laboratory outreach services

Date: April 19, 2021

Re: Transfusion services quality assurance changes

In order to meet American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) and College of American Pathologists (CAP) guidelines for positive patient identification related to the reduction in misidentified recipients who have a compatibility samples drawn, effective April 20, 2021, the Allina Health Laboratory Transfusion Services will be implementing new quality assurance testing.

When an ABO, Rh and Antibody screen are ordered in preparation for transfusion of a blood product (red cells or granulocytes), if all criteria for positive patient identification is not met at the time of collection and the patient has not had an ABO and Rh performed by Allina in the past 15 years, the patient may need to have a second specimen drawn, prior to transfusion, in order to meet the identification guidelines put in place by AABB.