Emergency Release Protocol
UCSF Medical Center

Emergency Release should be activated by a physician only if the risks of delay in transfusion outweigh the risks of transfusing uncrossmatched RBC units prior to completion of standard pretransfusion testing

- **Uncrossmatched** group O RBCs are ready for pick up in 5 minutes

Although other individual products (FFP, cryoprecipitate or platelets) can also be ordered using this protocol, the Massive Transfusion Protocol should be activated if a patient requires all products (RBCs, FFP and platelets) emergently

**Procedure:**

I. **CALL the Blood Bank:**

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<td>Parnassus</td>
<td>353-1313</td>
<td>Moffitt Fifth Floor</td>
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<td>Mission Bay</td>
<td>476-1404</td>
<td>Gateway Medical Building, Second Floor M-2348</td>
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<td>Mt. Zion</td>
<td>885-7791</td>
<td>Second Floor, Room B-235</td>
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**Follow script**

1. “We need to activate Emergency Release Protocol”
2. “The patient’s name is:....................& MRN is:................”
3. “The location is:..............unit/OR# at Parnassus/Mission Bay/Mt. Zion”
4. “We need:..................(specify the product type(s) & number of units needed)
5. “The Contact Person on the unit is:.....(name & phone # to take calls from blood bank)
6. “The ordering provider is:...........................(full name)”
7. “We will send a runner with a patient label to get the blood”

II. **Patient Label:** Obtain a patient label to send with runner

III. **SEND runner to Blood Bank** to pick up blood (patient label is required)

   - Instruct runner to go to front of line at Blood Bank and tell staff “I am here to pick up Emergency Release blood products”
   - A patient label must be brought to the Blood Bank for all subsequent pick-ups
   - If more blood is needed, Contact Person should CALL blood bank (ask to speak to Lead Tech) and use above script

IV. If possible, draw a blood sample for a Type and Screen BEFORE blood products are infused

V. **APeX orders** for Emergency Release should be entered by provider, as soon as patient is stable. Orders must be entered within 24 hours after event. **This is an FDA requirement**

VI. RETURN unused blood products to the Blood Bank ASAP