

# 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:**

	Phone number	Location
<b>Parnassus</b>	353-1313	Moffitt Fifth Floor
Mission Bay	476-1404	Gateway Medical Building, Second Floor M-2348
<b>Mt. Zion</b>	885-7791	Second Floor, Room B-235

#### **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