

**Revised Form: Request for Release of Red Blood Cells**

Effective: June 17, 2021

**Background Information:**

In April 2020, implementation of the new transfusion guidelines for inpatients was completed. We want to **sincerely thank** all involved for your hard work to support and implement the new process in Manitoba. After our first year of implementation we have seen positive results in our efforts to conserve red blood cells.

Based on feedback received during and after implementation, we have revised the Request for Release form. The new form is effective June 17, 2021, please transition to the new form when your current supply runs out. We will continue to accept the old form while staff use up their existing copies.

**Key changes:**

- Ordering provider demographics moved to the top of request form
- Paging information moved under patient demographics
- Improved the flow of information in the body of the requisition
- Added question: “Why is the patient anemic?”
- Removed clinical indication field
- Added details:
  - Space to indicate if patient is on chronic transfusion therapy

**References/Resources:**

<https://bestbloodmanitoba.ca/for-clinicians/>

**Ordering Information:**

This revision has been sent to the print shops and is available with the existing SAP number. This form can also be found in the Lab Information Manual

<https://apps.sbgf.mb.ca/labmanual/document/requisitions?labId=7>

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