

REFERRAL RECEIVED FROM RACF

1) GP completes WH GP referral for transfusion form and faxes to Immediate Response Service(IRS) FAX: 8345 0234

OR

2) Where request is made by phone by the RACF RN IRS will complete a WH GP referral for transfusion form and contact the GP to ascertain clinical urgency in accordance with Western Health GP Guidelines for Transfusion.

If SEMI-URGENT AND CAUSE OF ANAEMIA KNOWN

1) IRS contacts MADU Phone: 8345 91629 MADU ACCEPTS REFERRAL & ADVISES IRS OF ADMISSION DATE & TIME FOR RESIDENT.

IRS contacts the Unit which the resident is to be admitted under. If the Resident has had a recent admission or has been admitted under a specialty unit e.g. Oncology this Unit is appropriate to approach for admission. If the Resident has not been admitted before, does not have a specialty unit or has not been a recent inpatient the admitting General Medicine Unit of the day should be contacted.

If referred Resident does not have a WH UR number, MADU clerk to obtain UR number and register Resident so that a UR number for the Resident is available at the time of the crossmatch sample being taken (essential).

Admitting Unit to complete:

- Request for Elective Admission Form,
- Dorevitch A4 Blood Product Request Form
- Blood/Blood Product Consent and Prescription Form

IRS:1) Deliver • Request for Elective Admission Form • Blood Product Consent and Prescription Form to MADU 2) Confirm date and time of transfusion.

IRS book inreach for collection of pretransfusion specimen within 72 hours of date for transfusion. Note; A minimum of 24 hours prior is preferable to ensure compatible blood is available particularly for residents with clinically significant red cell antibodies

IRS contact RACF and inform RN: • of date and time of inreach visit, • of date and time of blood transfusion., • that a family member or carer must accompany the resident on the day and create inreach folder with blood request form and notes and place in appropriate tray.

IRS attends RACF and takes pretransfusion specimen and send to Dorevitch Pathology at Sunshine Hospital.

Resident admitted to MADU for transfusion. Admitting Unit Medical Officer to attend and assess the resident to confirm there are no contraindications to the transfusion, consent resident (if a valid consent is not in place) and complete blood /blood product consent and prescription form as required.

Resident returns to RACF after transfusion with transfusion discharge letter

URGENT

IRS contacts Emergency Department to advise resident requires urgent transfusion
IRS send completed referral for transfusion form to relevant ED