



Platelet Ordering Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process for the ordering of platelets within the West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) Grey Hospital.

2. Application

This Procedure is to be followed by all clinical staff throughout the WCDHB Grey Hospital.

3. Definitions

There are no definitions associated with this Procedure:

4. Responsibilities

For the purposes of this Procedure:

All WCDHB Staff Members are required to abide by the requirements of this Procedure

5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires no specific resources.

6. Process

- 1.00 It is the policy of the Grey Hospital Blood Bank not to stock platelets.
- 1.01 Due to the isolation of Grey Hospital and cost of providing platelets it is very important that treatment involving platelets is undertaken in consultation with a New Zealand blood Service (NZBS) Transfusion Medicine Specialist (TMS).
- 1.02 Patients must be clinically assessed by a Senior Medical Officer (SMO)/Consultant before the process to order platelets is begun.
- 1.03 Once the patient has been assessed the Grey Hospital Blood Bank (during normal hours) or on-call Laboratory staff are to be contacted.
- 1.04 The Laboratory staff will contact the on-call TMS and give them the SMO/Consultant details whom they will then contact to discuss the appropriateness of platelet transfusion.
- 1.05 If the treatment is deemed appropriate the SMO/Consultant will contact the Laboratory staff and instruct them to order the platelets and at what urgency.
- 1.06 Laboratory staff will then contact NZBS to arrange the urgent (or otherwise) transport of platelets to Grey Hospital.
- 1.07 Once the platelets have arrived they will be immediately made available to the relevant Ward.



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7. Precautions And Considerations

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8. References

There are no references associated with this Procedure.

9. Related Documents

WCDHB Management Of Blood Transfusions Procedure

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