

**BLOOD BANK:**

# Massive Transfusion Protocol (MTP)

In order to provide safe obstetric care, institutions MUST:

- Have a minimum of 4 units of O-negative PRBCs
- Have the ability to obtain 6 units PRBCs & 4 units FFP (compatible or type specific) for a bleeding patient
- Have a mechanism in place to obtain platelets & additional products in a timely fashion

Blood transfusion or crossmatching should not be used as a negative quality marker & is warranted for certain obstetric events.

<p><b>1 Patient currently bleeding &amp; at risk for uncontrollable bleeding</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Activate MTP - call <b>(ADD NUMBER)</b> &amp; say "activate massive transfusion protocol"</p> <p><b>B</b> Nursing/anesthesia draw stat labs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- type &amp; crossmatch</li> <li>- hemoglobin &amp; platelet count, PT (INR)/PTT, fibrinogen, &amp; ABG (as needed)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p><b>2 Immediate need for transfusion (type &amp; crossmatch not yet available)</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Give 2-4 units O-negative PRBCs</p> <p><b>B</b> <b>"OB EMERGENCY RELEASE"</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p><b>3 Anticipate ongoing massive blood needs</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Obtain massive transfusion pack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider using coolers</li> </ul> <p><b>B</b> Administer as needed in a 6:4:1 ratio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 units PRBCs</li> <li>- 4 units FFP</li> <li>- 1 apheresis pack of platelets</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p><b>4 Initial lab results</b></p> <p><b>A</b> Normal &gt; anticipate ongoing bleeding &gt; repeat massive transfusion pack &gt; bleeding controlled &gt; deactivate MTP</p> <p><b>B</b> Abnormal &gt; repeat massive transfusion pack &gt; repeat labs &gt; consider cryoprecipitate and consultation for alternative coagulation agents (Prothrombin Complex Concentrate [PCC], recombinant Factor VIIa, tranexamic acid)</p>

**IMPORTANT PROTOCOL ITEMS TO BE DETERMINED AT EACH INSTITUTION:**

- How to activate MTP:  
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- Blood bank # & location; notify ASAP:  
I will call: \_\_\_\_\_
- Emergency release protocol that both blood bank staff & ordering parties (MD/RN/CNM) understand:  
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- How will blood be brought to L&D?  
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- How will additional blood products/platelets be obtained?  
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- Mechanism for obtaining serial labs, such as with each transfusion pack, to ensure transfusion targets achieved:  
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