

Wristband identification of patients requiring transfusion in Theatre

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Aim and scope of Standard Operating Procedure

Describe use of Wristbands for identification of patients requiring blood transfusion in Theatres

Target Staff Categories

**Anaesthetists
Operating Department Practitioners
Nurses
Recovery Staff**

Key amendments to this Standard Operating Procedure

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Patients must have an identification wristband in place as per Patient identification SOP.

For cases which may require blood transfusion ensure the wristband is accessible. This ensures intraoperative identification using electronic Blood Management system.

In cases where the wristband is not accessible the wristband may be removed and re-attached to the patient (for example around ankle or onto forehead).

When the wristband has been removed it is important to:

- Re-attach to an accessible site as quickly as possible for intraoperative identification and use of the electronic Blood Management system.
- When the patient is stabilised and further transfusion is not anticipated, a new wristband should be obtained and re-applied after checking Patient Name, Date of Birth, NHS number and Hospital number. This must happen before the patient is sent back to the ward and should be in the Operating Theatre or Recovery Area.
- The old wristband should then be discarded.