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| Double independent pretransfusion check |
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Two authorised staff complete the following checks:

√ Independently

√ At the patient’s side

√ Immediately before the transfusion

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| **Step 1**  **Patient Identification** | * Ask the patient to state & spell their name and date of birth * Check it matches the identification (ID) band + medical record number (MRN) * Check the patient ID + MRN matches the compatibility label on the component * Check the patient ID + MRN matches the prescription (paper / electronic) |  |
| **Step 2**  **Product and prescription details** | * Check the patient blood group is compatible with component blood group * Check the donation number on the Lifeblood label = donation number on compatibility label * Check the component prescribed is the component received * Check the component is within expiry date * Check the crossmatch is within expiry date (RBC only) |  |
| **Step 3**  **Pack check** | * Check the pack is intact – no leaks * Check there are no visible clots * Check there is no discolouration |  |

**ANY discrepancy – clarify / rectify and then recheck**

**If both staff are independently satisfied that the correct component is being transfused to the correct patient in the correct way, the transfusion can commence.**

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