Double independent pretransfusion check

I check and YOU check

Two authorised staff complete the following checks:

√ Independently

√ At the patient's side

√ Immediately before the transfusion

Step 1

Patient Identification

- Ask the patient to state & spell their name and date of birth
- Check it matches the patient's identification (ID) band
- Check the patient ID + medical record number (MRN) on the ID band matches the compatibility label on the component
- Check the patient ID + MRN on the ID band 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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