### Double independent pretransfusion check

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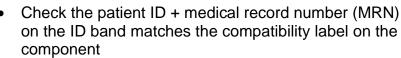
### I check and YOU check

Two authorised staff complete the following checks:

- √ Independently
- √ At the patient's side
- $\sqrt{}$  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 + 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

Check the pack is intact – no leaks
Check there are no visible clots

Pack check

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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