

# Transfusion Guidelines for Red Cells



On 10/12/2015, the *Transfusion Monitoring Criteria* for red cell transfusions will be updated to reflect current recommendations from the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), St. Luke's transfusion services certifying agency. These new guidelines have been implemented for patient safety and to optimize red blood cell utilization.

The new *Transfusion Monitoring Criteria* for red cells will be published in the October edition of the On Call Physician Newsletter and will also be available in Sharepoint under Laboratory Policies.

<https://home.slhdomain.com/policies/documents/Laboratory/Transfusion%20Monitoring%20Criteria.doc>

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