STANDARDIZED PROCEDURE
CONSENTING PATIENTS FOR BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS

These procedures are intended to describe procedures performed by Nurse Practitioners and/or Certified Nurse Midwives (depending on the clinical privileges granted to the individual practitioner) at UC San Diego Health.

I. Policy
   A. As described in the General Policy Component.
   B. Covers only those Advanced Practitioners who are licensed in the State of California and have Delineation of Privileges and corresponding Standardized Procedures approved by the Interdisciplinary Practice Committee.

II. Protocol
   A. Definition
      i. This protocol covers the guidelines for consenting for the administration of blood or blood products as described in UC San Diego Health Systems MCP 350.1.
   B. Database
      i. Subjective – Review patient’s understanding of medical, surgical or invasive procedures related to the necessity for blood or blood products administration.
      ii. Objective – Perform a physical exam, when indicated. Review medications, allergies, past medical history, pertinent laboratory and diagnostics studies.

III. Plan
   A. Advanced practitioner will discuss the risks, and alternatives associated with receiving autologous blood and directed and non directed homologous blood from volunteers as well as alternatives to blood transfusions. They will also provide the patient with a standardized written summary prepared by the Department of Health Services explaining the different types of blood transfusions available as delineated in the MCP 350.1
   B. Advanced practitioner will sign patient’s consent for blood transfusion form and obtain patient consent and witness verification.
   C. Education: Provide ongoing patient and family education as appropriate to patient and family as delineated in the MCP 301.8 Patients Rights and Responsibilities. Provide copy of Consent and attached Patient education handout.
   D. Follow up: As indicated and or directed by the physician.
   E. Record Keeping: Copy of the consent shall be kept in the patient’s medical record according to UCSD Medical Center policies.
References:


VII. RESPONSIBILITY
Please contact the Advanced Practice Council if you need help. The administrative assistant for the Chief Nursing Officer can direct you. Call; 619-543-3438.

VIII. HISTORY OF PROCEDURE
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