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To: Chiefs of Service, Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Nurses and Other Concerned Personnel

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Re: Transfusion Reaction Reporting

Effective November 22nd, 2010, final reports for transfusion reaction investigations will no longer be placed in patients' paper charts. Upon completion of a work-up all reports, and any subsequent addenda, will be posted electronically in the lifetime clinical record (LCR) in the patient menu section (RESULTS-LAB-BLOOD BANK-TRANSFUSION REACTION WORKUP). A revised transfusion reaction report form is now available on-line through the CHN Intranet, under SFGH – SFGH Forms. Search for form number “2-151: BLOOD BANK TRANSFUSION REACTION REPORT FORM.”

Key changes include:

➢ The new form is now a single copy form. The old, triplicate forms will continue to be accepted until supplies are exhausted; however, copies of the form will no longer be returned to the paper chart after submission.

➢ A box to check for symptoms of “urticaria” has been added to the form.

➢ The section for listing products suspected of being involved in the transfusion reaction has been revised to facilitate itemization.

➢ The section for describing the time course of transfusion and symptoms has been revised for clarity.

Please contact Dr. Zane Amenhotep (206-8240) or Joanne Moore, Senior Supervising CLS, Blood Bank (206-5596) with any questions.