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Emergency Medical Retrieval & Transfer Service (EMRTS) Cymru

Consultants travel to the scene of emergencies by air and road with the ability to carry both blood and blood products. EMRTS carry 4 units of blood, 4 units of lyophilised plasma (LyoPlas™), fibrinogen and Prothrombin Complex Concentrates from their Swansea and Welshpool bases by road and air.



Information for Receiving Hospitals

Patients who have been administered ANY of the above products by the EMRTS who attend a receiving hospital will:

1. Receive a pre-alert incl. activation of the Hospital Massive Haemorrhage Policy (IF appropriate).
2. Arrive with an EMRTS wrist band with unique patient identifiers – this will need to remain on the patient for 24hrs.

The Team Leader will be handed a:

1. Completed pre-transfusion sample in a G&S bottle and request form (IF obtainable).
2. Completed All Wales Transfusion Chart indicating which products have been given.

Patient identifiers on paperwork and pre-transfusion sample:

Surname – EMRTSAAA, EMRTSAAB, EMRTSAAC etc.

First Name – SWAN or WPOOL (Depending whether the base is Swansea or Welshpool)

Hospital Number – N9010101, N9010102, N9010103 etc.

DOB – 01.01.1900

Address - (Randomly generated 4 digit number) SWAN STREET OR WPOOL STREET

Yellow sticker – male or female, approx age (child, young adult, middle aged, elderly)

This initiative has been undertaken in conjunction with the Welsh Blood Service, ABMU Blood Bank and ABMU Informatics. In some cases local patient administration systems may not accept the above identifiers and the receiving HB/NHS Trust may choose to use their existing system. If a new number is generated for the patient, this should be passed on to the EMRTS team for reference. As such they may not be able to process the pre-transfusion sample. In such instances, 2 independent G&S samples should be taken by the receiving team. Where identity is not known the supplying blood banks (Morrison and Wrexham Maelor Hospitals) will contact the receiving centre to obtain this within 72hrs of admission.

For further information please contact: abm.emrts@wales.nhs.uk or 0300 300 00 57