

Blood Transfusion in 500P Update from Dr. Anil Panigrahi

- Beginning 7am Sunday 11/17, blood products will be sent from the new Transfusion Service lab located in the basement of 500P (J03, see attached photo).
- Beginning 7am Sunday 11/17, blood samples collected for Type and Screen and Blood Type Verification should be delivered to the Transfusion Service lab in 500P (J03).
- As the pneumatic tube system has not been approved for use by the Transfusion Service, all blood products will be delivered by runners to all anesthetizing locations.
- In the event there are surgical cases ongoing at 300P which were started on Saturday 11/16, 2 MTG equivalents (i.e. 12 RBC, 8 plasma, and 2 platelet units) will be available at the 300P Transfusion Service on Sunday morning and can be picked up by runners.
- Emergency blood products for L&D will continue to be supplied by the Satellite Transfusion Service in LPCH 2.0.
- Due to the distance to the 500P TS lab, on Friday 11/15 the bloodrefrigerator located in the ASC PACU will be stocked with 6 O+ RBC units, and 4 A plasma units that can be used as emergency release blood products for ASC and 300P. Removing blood products from this refrigerator requires badging into the workstation and relabeling each unit. The nurses in ASC and 300P should have received training for this process.
- I do not have time estimates for how long it would take a runner to deliver blood from 500P to 300P or ASC, as I have not received written information regarding the path of travel studies. However, I anticipate that it would take 10-15 minutes once the blood has been picked up.
- The Transfusion Medicine medical directors and operations staff have requested for an additional blood product refrigerator to be installed in 300P which would be stocked similarly as the ASC refrigerator, but as of yet have not received confirmation from SHC as to if or when it will be installed. If you have concerns regarding this, please forward your request to Dr. Wald and Wendy Prigge.
- A transfusion medicine fellow, Dr. Perrin Jhaveri, will be onsite during the day on Sunday to provide assistance if any issues arise. Additionally, a transfusion medicine MD is always available 24/7 at pager 12027. I will also be available by phone if you need help (267-250-9776).