Procedure for STAT Blood Request

PURPOSE

To provide uncrossmatched ABO compatible blood.

Blood ready within 15 minutes

1 Patient identification at bedside



- Confirm patient identity using two identifiers (e.g., full name and DOB / MRN).
- Verify with patient/relative if possible.

2 Collect sample



Collect EDTA sample. Label the tube at the bedside with patient details.

3 Complete the request form



Complete all required details on the request form and sign as the person collecting the blood sample.

4 Clinician to sign the waiver



The requesting clinician must sign the waiver on the request form for uncrossmatched blood.

5 Send to the blood bank



Send the completed request form and labeled EDTA sample to the Blood Bank.

6 Wait for the blood



The porter or driver must wait for the blood and deliver blood directly to the ward.

Advantages	Disadvantages
ABO and Rh compatible blood is available within **15 minutes**. Conserves scarce O blood.	Issuing group O/ group specific blood does not guarantee compatible blood.

For more information, contact your closest Blood Bank.

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