

# Zero Tolerance Criteria For ALL Blood Bank Specimens and Requests

(as per ANZBST Guidelines for Pretransfusion Testing 4<sup>th</sup> Ed 2002)

*Patient details on specimen and request slip must **match exactly** or the specimen will be discarded, requiring the patient to be re-bled*

## Blood Bank Specimen Tube

Details	Requirement	Consequence if details are absent
Patient surname and given name	Mandatory	Specimen discarded
UR and/or Date-of-Birth	Mandatory	Specimen discarded
Collector's signature	Mandatory	Specimen discarded
Date and time of collection	Mandatory	Specimen discarded

## Blood Bank A4 Request Slip

Details	Requirement	Consequence if details are absent
Patient surname and given name	Mandatory	Specimen discarded
UR and/or Date-of-Birth	Mandatory	Specimen discarded
Collector's signature and printed name	Mandatory	Specimen discarded
Requesting clinician details (signature, legible name, date and contact number)	Mandatory	Processing and product issue will be delayed until details complete. Blood Bank will contact the ward to ascertain Dr. details.
Indication for transfusion (as per NHMRC guidelines) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Relevant clinical notes</i></li> <li>ii. <i>Transfusion history</i></li> <li>iii. <i>Transfusion requirements</i></li> </ul>	Mandatory	Blood Bank will notify the requesting doctor, to ascertain the indication. Product issue will be delayed until indication complete.
Date and time of collection	Highly desirable	Specimen collector will need to complete the details in the blood bank
Patient location	Highly desirable	Blood Bank will contact the specimen collector to ascertain details
Patient gender	Highly desirable	Blood Bank will contact the specimen collector to ascertain details

**O negative blood will be issued in URGENT cases where paperwork is incomplete**

**In case of URGENT blood bank requests – notify Blood Bank directly**

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