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| Double independent pretransfusion check |
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**I check and YOU check**

Two authorised staff complete the following checks:

√ Independently

√ At the patient’s side

√ Immediately before the transfusion

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| **Step 1****Patient Identification** | * Ask the patient to state & spell their name and date of birth
* Check it matches the patient’s identification (ID) band
* Check the patient ID + medical record number (MRN) on the ID band matches the compatibility label on the component
* Check the patient ID + MRN on the ID band matches the prescription (paper / electronic)
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| **Step 2****Product and prescription details** | * Check the patient blood group is compatible with component blood group
* Check the donation number on the Lifeblood label = donation number on compatibility label
* Check the component prescribed is the component received
* Check the component is within expiry date
* Check the crossmatch is within expiry date (RBC only)
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| **Step 3****Pack check** | * Check the pack is intact – no leaks
* Check there are no visible clots
* Check there is no discolouration
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**ANY discrepancy – clarify / rectify and then recheck**

**If both staff are independently satisfied that the correct component is being transfused to the correct patient in the correct way, the transfusion can commence**

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