



# Technical Bulletin

## *Change in Ordering Practice for Outpatient Transfusions (for physicians not currently using CareLink)*

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**SUBJECT:** Change in Ordering Practice for Outpatient Transfusions at Queen's Infusion Center and Sullivan Center

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On September 13, 2020, the Queen's Medical Center Punchbowl and Queen's West Oahu began utilizing a new Blood Product Administration Module in Carelink. This new module provides an additional layer of patient safety for patient transfusions. In order to utilize the Blood Product Administration Module (BPAM) for outpatient transfusions, the former ordering practice for pretransfusion testing will be modified. Previously, the physician would write an order for a crossmatch for the amount of units to be transfused on the outpatient requisition. In order to accommodate the changes needed to support the use of BPAM, please order a Type and Screen on the outpatient requisition. When scheduling the patient for the transfusion, please fax the order for the number of units to be transfused to the appropriate infusion center. The infusion center staff will order the required number of units in CareLink.

Please note this only applies to physicians who cannot generate EMR orders through CareLink.

Please contact the QMC Punchbowl Blood Bank at 808-356-7740 with any questions or concerns.