# Activate MAJOR HAEMORRHAGE PROTOCOL

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To enable the rapid supply of blood components & rapid transport of blood samples \*\*BEFORE YOU CALL CHECK THE PATIENT'S ID BAND\*\*

## STEP 1.

### • PHONE 2222

- Say "MAJOR HAEMORRHAGE, ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL"
- State your current location
- If an emergency team is needed state 'MEDICAL EMERGENCY' or 'OBSTETRIC EMERGENCY' or 'PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY' AND 'MAJOR HAEMORRHAGE'

## T STAY ON THE LINE WHILST YOU ARE CONNECTED TO BLOOD BANK

## STEP 2.

#### Tell Blood Bank

- Patient's Name, Sex, DoB, CHI number (or UHPI number if no CHI)
- Which blood components you require (BE SPECIFIC, there is no standard pack)
- Define how soon you want blood components: IMMEDIATE OR WITHIN 30 MINUTES
- The patient's exact location and any planned moves
- Your Name & Contact Details to act as the point of contact for Blood Bank
- Which blood samples you are sending to the lab. **BLOOD BANK WILL INFORM YOU IF A TRANSFUSION SAMPLE IS REQUIRED**

**STEP 3.** Consider administration of tranexamic acid (initial ADULT dose 1 gram I.V.)

**Confirm activation of the Major Haemorrhage Protocol with the Clinical Team Lead** Record which blood components have been requested and when they were ordered

For further communication with Blood Bank/Haematology phone ext 53354

# STEP 4.

Clinical Team Lead identifies the team member to act as named point of contact with Major Haemorrhage Porter

- · Record receipt of ordered blood components
- Write this information on the MHP feedback sheet provided or somewhere else easily visible
- Handover any samples to the Major Haemorrhage Porter for urgent transfer to the lab

Major Haemorrhage Porter will return to Blood Bank unless advised otherwise

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Porter will

be notified

and attend

**Blood Bank** 

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## STEP 5.

# When the rapid supply of blood components & rapid transport of blood samples are no longer required the Clinical Team Lead announces the end of the Major Haemorrhage Protocol

- Inform Blood Bank the Major Haemorrhage is over
- Ensure all transfusion labels, tags and documentation including MHP feedback sheet are completed and returned

For further guidance about managing a Major Haemorrhage see: Intranet > Directory > Blood Transfusion > Major Haemorrhage or seek advice from on-call Haematologist

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