Taking a blood sample for pre-transfusion compatibility testing

REMEMBER:

Positive patient identification

- The request form should be completed before you approach the patient
- Ask the patient to state their full name and date of birth
- Check the information given matches exactly the details on the patient’s ID band and request form
- In-patients must be wearing an ID band

Sample Labelling

- Never pre-label sample tubes
- Sample tubes should be hand written* by the person taking the sample before leaving the patient’s side
- Details on the sample tube should include surname and first name, date of birth and unique identification number eg hospital number or NHS number
- Only take samples from one patient at a time

*For further information please refer to your Hospital Transfusion Policy