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OPINION: BLOOD TRANSPORT BY CNA
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Within the Scope of Practice/Role of _X_ APN _X_ RN _X_ LPN _X_ CNA

ADVISORY OPINION
BLOOD TRANSPORT BY CNA

In accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. §33-21-122(c)(iii) of the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act (NPA), the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) has approved the following Advisory Opinion on Blood Transport by CNA.

According to the Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goal 01.03.01, the following procedure is to be utilized when checking blood out of the blood bank:

NPSG.01.03.01: Eliminate transfusion errors related to patient misidentification.

Program: Hospital

Chapter: National Patient Safety Goals

Goal 1: Improve the accuracy of patient identification.

Rationale: N/A

Elements of Performance:

1. Before initiating a blood or blood component transfusion:
 - Match the blood or blood component to the order.
 - Match the patient to the blood or blood component.
 - Use a two-person verification process or a one-person verification process accompanied by automated identification technology, such as bar coding. (See also NPSG.01.01.01, EPs 1 and 2)
2. When using a two-person verification process, one individual conducting the identification verification is the qualified transfusionist who will administer the blood or blood component to the patient.
3. When using a two-person verification process, the second individual conducting the identification verification is qualified to participate in the process, as determined by the hospital.

Therefore, the individual facility must determine if the CNA is qualified to checkout and transport blood from the blood bank.

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