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## WHAT IS WRONG BLOOD IN TUBE? (WBIT)

A wrong blood in tube (WBIT) error signifies a blood sample that does not match the patient identified on the sample label. WBIT errors can result in ABO mistransfusions.

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### What is a 'wrong blood in tube' error (WBIT)

Blood is taken from the wrong patient and is labelled with the intended patient's details

← OR →

Blood is taken from the intended patient, but labelled with another patient's details

SERIOUS HAZARDS OF TRANSFUSION

**Almost all WBIT errors are due to poor practice leading to misidentification. No amount of experience or years of practice will remove the risk of misidentification if you are interrupted or distracted**

**Poor practice**

- Patient not identified
- Sample not labelled at bedside
- Sample not labelled by person taking blood
- Prelabelled bottle
- Other



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### CRITICAL POINTS

Test ordered and transfusion request form printed

Correctly identify patient by asking them to state their name and date of birth

Check wristband matches information given by patient and information on transfusion request form

Label the sample bottle at the patient bedside using the wristband

*New patient: 1<sup>st</sup> result on this patient therefore nothing to compare against. Group & screen only*

Systems

Human interaction

Equipment

Environment

Personal

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**WBIT errors are detected during pre-transfusion testing when results do not match historic results or those from a second, separately drawn check sample. WBIT errors may also be identified by clinical areas and during sample accessioning. Current WBIT frequency estimates range from 4.3 to 5.8 per 10,000 samples.**

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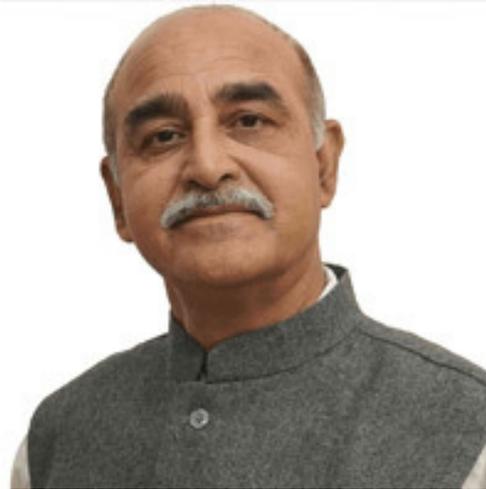
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## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



***WBIT ERRORS POSE A GREAT RISK TO BLOOD SUPPLY CHAIN OF THE HOSPITAL, HENCE VIGILANCE IS THE KEY. I CONGRATULATE THE TEAM TO EXPLAIN CRITICAL POINTS REGARDING THE SAME.***

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