

QEII Physicians' Algorithm for Transfusion Reactions

Patient exhibits signs and symptoms of a transfusion reaction

1. Transfusionist is to **STOP THE TRANSFUSION IMMEDIATELY** and keep the IV line open with 0.9% saline
2. Contact the physician for medical assessment
3. Check vital signs every 15 minutes until stable
4. Check all labels, forms and the patient's identification band to determine if there is clerical discrepancy

PHYSICIAN WILL DETERMINE IF TRANSFUSION SHOULD CONTINUE BASED ON PATIENT'S SYMPTOMS OR PRESENCE OF CLERICAL DISCREPANCY OR INCOMPATIBILITY

