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Responsibility for blood collection

Applies to the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom – 7th Edition 2005

Section 4.2 Collection of the donation

Delete first paragraph:

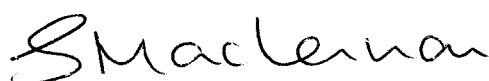
The ultimate responsibility for the correct safe procedure for the collection of blood is that of the medical consultant with responsibility for donors; the immediate responsibility for the operation of the blood collection session is that of the medical practitioner or senior nurse in attendance.

Replace with:

The ultimate responsibility for ensuring that every unit of blood and blood components has been collected in accordance with the Blood Safety and Quality Regulations (2005) rests with the "Responsible Person" for the Blood Establishment. The advocacy and guardianship of high quality care for donors is the responsibility of the designated clinical lead in attendance and that must be a registered nurse or medical practitioner.

Further information

The supporting paper, JPAC 09-17 Responsibility for blood collection, leading to this Change Notification can be found in the Document Library/Supporting Papers of the JPAC website:
<http://www.transfusionguidelines.org.uk/Index.aspx?Publication=DL&Section=12&pageid=7528>.



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