

Second set of ob.s are taken and recorded

Blood samples taken for cross matching, samples and request forms taken to lab

Blood transfusion finishes

Blood is written up on patient's prescription chart

Unit(s) of blood cross matched and ward informed blood is ready

Transfusion procedure is explained to patient and baseline observations recorded

Request made by ward for blood to be collected

Blood is collected from the blood fridge

Blood is delivered to, and received by, the ward

Bed side checks including patient identification are carried out

Blood transfusion commenced

Third set of ob.s are taken and recorded

Need for a blood transfusion discussed with the patient and consented