

The Transfusion Chain Game

SCENARIO:

- A patient has been admitted to a general medical ward
- It is probable that he will require a blood transfusion as part of his treatment. He has been given a correct wrist band and settled into the ward environment
- Using the 13 identified steps provided, follow the arrows and put them in the right order to complete the Transfusion Chain and achieve a *safe and appropriate* blood transfusion

**Blood transfusion
commenced**

**Blood is collected
from the blood
fridge**

**Second set of ob.s are
taken and recorded**

**Request made by ward
for blood to be collected**

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

**Third set of ob.s are
taken and recorded**

**Bed side checks
including patient
identification are
carried out**

**Blood is written up on
patient's prescription chart**

**Need for a blood
transfusion
discussed with the
patient and
consented**

**Transfusion procedure is
explained to patient and
baseline observations
recorded**

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

**Blood transfusion
finishes**

**Blood is delivered
to, and received
by, the ward**