VUMC Blood Product Transport while Patient is in Transport

The VUMC blood product administration policy does NOT prohibit the movement of blood products while the patient is in transit (e.g., from the OR to the ICU). However, this process should be done only when there is a strong indication that the patient requires ongoing/immediate transfusion support.

Efforts to limit the transit of blood are made to reduce any potential blood product mistransfusion. Additionally, if the blood product is not transported in an appropriate fashion (use of a validated VUMC blood bank cooler for RBCs), the product itself can become clinically suboptimal.

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