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**MEMORANDUM # 59**

TO: UNC Hospitals Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Department Heads,  
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**SUBJECT: Changes in UNC Transfusion Criteria for RBC Transfusions**

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The UNC Transfusion Committee has revised the UNC Transfusion Criteria to adopt a more stringent transfusion practice. Beginning December 1, 2011, the criteria for RBC transfusion will change from a hemoglobin of 8 g/dL in an asymptomatic patient and a hemoglobin of 11 g/dL in a patient with symptoms of anemia to hemoglobins of 7 g/dL and 10 g/dL respectively. Both CPOE and the paper Blood Component Order Forms will be changed to reflect the new criteria.

Additionally, cryoprecipitate ordering will now be offered only in number of mLs to transfuse or the number of adult doses.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Yara Park, 966-4011, in TMS.