





MEMORANDUM #67

TO: UNC Hospitals Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Nursing Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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DATE: July 5, 2016

SUBJECT: **Change in 30 Day Rule**

Beginning July 11, 2016, the Transfusion Medicine Services of UNC Hospitals McLendon Clinical Laboratories will accept Pre-Procedure Type and Screen testing (T&S) drawn at any UNC clinic for surgery to be performed at UNC Hospitals or Hillsborough Hospital. Previously, these samples were only valid if collected through the UNC Hospitals or Hillsborough Hospital PreCare Clinics.

This Pre-Procedure T&S can be performed up to 30 days prior to a scheduled non-emergent surgery. A Pre-Procedure T&S is only to be used for patients that will be seen by Anesthesia on the day of the procedure/surgery.

A patient's Pre-Procedure T&S will only be valid for 30 days if ALL of the following occur:

1. The patient has not been transfused in the prior 3 months.
2. The patient has not been pregnant in the prior 3 months.
3. The patient is not currently pregnant.
4. The patient is to be seen by an anesthesia provider on the day of the procedure. The anesthesia provider must complete the Blood Attestation for blood to be set-up for the procedure.

If the patient does not meet all of the above criteria, the T&S will be valid for only 3 days.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Yara Park, Director, Transfusion Medicine Services at 984-974-1780.