In order to provide safe obstetric care, institutions MUST:

• Have a minimum of 4 units of O-negative PRBCs
• Have the ability to obtain 6 units PRBCs & 4 units FFP (compatible or type specific) for a bleeding patient
• Have a mechanism in place to obtain platelets & additional products in a timely fashion

Blood transfusion or crossmatching should not be used as a negative quality marker & is warranted for certain obstetric events.

**Blood Bank: Massive Transfusion Protocol (MTP)**

**Important Protocol Items to Be Determined at Each Institution:**

• How to activate MTP:

  **Blood bank # & location; notify ASAP:**

  I will call: ____________________________

  • Emergency release protocol that both blood bank staff & ordering parties (MD/RN/CNM) understand:

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  • How will blood be brought to L&D?

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  • How will additional blood products/platelets be obtained?

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  • Mechanism for obtaining serial labs, such as with each transfusion pack, to ensure transfusion targets achieved:

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