How to: Blood Transfusions



Only red blood cells, whole blood, or intrauterine transfusion are considered



Plasma and platelets are **not** considered transfusions



Include date(s) and time(s) when reporting the full transfusion history



If the baby has been transfused prior to specimen collection, results for lysosomal storage disorders (LSDs), galactosemia (GALT), biotinidase (BD), and hemoglobinopathies (HGB) will be impacted and a repeat specimen will be required.



Transfusion is reported "Yes" for any samples collected after for the next 120 days



Collection of DBS specimen should be completed prior to transfusion regardless of the infant's age