

SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL LABORATORY  
TRANSFUSION SERVICE UPDATE

Effective: July 1, 2005

Saint Francis Hospital Transfusion Service is extending the specimen dating on blood specimens collected for pre-transfusion testing to **14** days. This dating period applies to testing performed on patients who have not been pregnant or transfused with blood products within the last three months.

This change is being made in an effort to assist in improving patient care by allowing more flexibility in pre-operative scheduling.

For any questions regarding this change, please contact Gary Eastburn at ext. 1-6363 or Virginia Burdine, M.D. at ext. 1-1420.