Blood Bank & Transfusion Service . Bloodloc System

1. This system is designed to help prevent human error ir either patient or patient specimen identification; transfusion accidents due to specimens being collected from a wrongly identified patient, an incorrect blood un brought to an intended patient, or a blood unit brought a wrongly identified patient; and to present a physical barrier which may eliminate liability.

2. A random, unique, three letter code (printed on a self-sticking label) is affixed to a patient's hospital wrist bar at the time of admission or specimen collection for pretransfusion testing. For pre-admission testing, the coded label will be included in the admission packet an will be affixed to the patient's wrist band at the time th band is placed on the patient.

3. The three-letter code is transcribed to the pretransfusic specimen tube label when the specimen is collected. Tl phlebotomist will underline the code to identify it from other information on the specimen label.

4. When blood components are to be issued for the patier the units will be placed into a clear plastic bag, a Blood device set for the patient's unique, three-letter code wi be used to "lock" the bag, and the lock will be scramble The lock will only open with the code attached to the intended recipient's wrist band.

5. The Transfusionist will dial in the code found on the patient's wrist band to open the lock. On removing the blood component(s), the Transfusionist will insure positive identification between patient, blood componer and Record of Transfusion Form as is current policy (se paragraph F2). Should the lock fail to open when the patient code is dialed in..... **STOP.** Contact the Transfusion Service Lab, x7207, to investigate the caus for the lock not opening. Transfusion of the component should not be initiated until resolution of this disparity i resolved and positive identification of the patient and tl correct blood component(s) is made.