Bloody Truths for “In the Know”

1. The Transfusion Administration Record (TAR) should remain with the unit of blood product until the transfusion is completed.

2. Patients are more likely to have a transfusion reaction when receiving platelets and plasma. Be sure to slow down the rate so that your patient is receiving 200-300 mls/hour as a suggested rate.

3. VUMC infusion pumps are FDA approved to administer blood products. When possible, use a pump to administer products so that the transfusionist will have better control of the infusion rate.

4. Visit the transfusion website at [www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/transfusionmed](http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/transfusionmed)