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Munson Medical Center (MMC), in order to meet new FDA/AABB requirements, is updating how we perform history checks and ABO verifications on a patient drawn for Blood Bank testing. MMC will perform two determinations of a patients ABO group as defined by AABB standard 5.14.1.

The first determination will be performed on a current sample, and the second determination will be performed by one of the following two methods:

- 1) Comparison with previous records currently on file at Munson Medical Center (History Check)
- 2) Testing a second sample collected at a time different from the first sample, including a new verification of patient identification which includes patient name and date of birth.

If a patient does not have a current history at MMC, they will need a second sample to be drawn before type specific ABO red cells will be transfused. In emergent situations, or where there is a discrepancy that is not resolved, type O red cells will be given with pathologist approval.