

Clinical flowchart for the Management of Acute Transfusion Reactions: (based on B-S-H Blood Transfusion Taskforce Guideline on the investigation and management of Acute Transfusion Reactions (May 2012))

PATIENT EXHIBITING POSSIBLE FEATURES OF AN ACUTE TRANSFUSION REACTION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE: Fever, chills, rigors, tachycardia, hyper- or hypotension, collapse, flushing, urticarial, pain (bone, muscle, chest, abdominal), respiratory distress, nausea, general malaise

STOP THE TRANSFUSION: undertake rapid clinical assessment, check patient ID/blood compatibility label, visually assess unit
Evidence of:
Life-threatening Airway and/or Breathing and/or Circulatory problems and/or wrong blood given and/or evidence of contaminated unit

