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POLICY

Blood and blood products are not administered at Agapé Hospice. In consultation with the Director of Resident Care or the Clinical Care Coordinator, rare exceptions to this policy may be made to accommodate specific Resident needs for specialized blood products. This will not be the norm. These rare exceptions will require special planning and support from outside agencies including family members.

PROCEDURE

1. Residents may be transferred to the hospital if it is felt a blood transfusion may help with symptom control. This must be ordered by the Attending Physician and Resident/Health Advocate must be in agreement.
2. Transportation will be arranged by either Social Work or Unit Clerk.
3. Families will not be responsible for payment of transportation.
4. A family member/friend will be asked to accompany the Resident going off site for a blood transfusion, so the Resident is not alone. If a family member/friend is unable to attend, volunteer support may be arranged.