After a Blood Transfusion

Blood product: _______________________________________
Given on ____/____/____ at __________ (a.m. / p.m.).

Your child received a blood product today. This is called a transfusion. We tested and
matched the product to your child’s own blood. Some children have problems after a
transfusion. This is called a transfusion reaction.

Keep this card handy. It lists the problems you should watch for. Call your child’s doctor if
your child has any of these problems within TWO WEEKS after the transfusion:

- Fever
- Chills
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- Red or bloody urine
- Chest or back pain
- Itchy, red, or raised spots on the skin
- Trouble breathing
- Red face and neck
- Bleeding or bruising more than usual

Below is a list of signs to watch for during the SIX MONTHS after the transfusion. If your
child has any of the problems on this list that don’t go away, call his doctor:

- Night sweats
- Brown urine
- Sore stomach
- Is not hungry or loses weight
- Itchy, red, or raised spots on the skin
- Tender and bigger than usual glands
  (sides of neck, under ears, under arms)

Remember, call your child’s doctor if your child has any of the signs on these lists. If you
have questions, the doctor’s office can answer them. Have this card ready when you call.
Your child’s doctor will need to know what blood product your child received and when. This
information is written at the top of the card.

If you can not reach your child’s doctor, call the Children’s Mercy Hospital
Information Line at (816) 234-3188 or bring your child to our emergency room.