

*If your doctor feels that there is a possible need for a blood transfusion, he may order a **Type and Screen** or a **Type and Crossmatch**. It is necessary for you to have a blood sample collected and tested so that compatible blood will be available in case a transfusion is necessary. These are the steps involved in having a blood sample collected for possible blood transfusion.*

1. Please let the phlebotomist know if you have already donated your own blood to be used (also known as autologous blood).
2. Please let the phlebotomist know if you have been told that there have been problems finding blood to match you blood in the past.
3. The phlebotomist will place a red identification band on your wrist. This band contains important identification information that will ensure that you receive the exact blood that has been tested for you.
4. The phlebotomist will collect your blood.
5. It is very important that you **do not remove** this red identification band before your return to the hospital. It has to be left on.

