

The Hospital at Hebrew Health Care announces NEW out-patient service!

The Hospital at Hebrew Health Care now offers ***Out-Patient Blood Transfusions***. If your physician has decided you might need a transfusion of blood, or blood products, he/she will explain the reasons for the transfusion. There are several reasons why you may require a blood transfusion, including the following:

- a sudden loss of blood
- severe heart or lung disease
- bone marrow failure
- moderate to severe anemia

How is blood transfused?

Blood is collected and stored in sterile bags. The bags are used once and then thrown away. Before blood is given to you, it is crossmatched with your own blood to make sure it is compatible. The blood will be given through a needle or catheter placed in the vein. Your temperature, blood pressure, and heart rate will be checked many times while the blood is being given. It may take a few hours to complete the process.

Transfusions at The Hospital at Hebrew Health Care are scheduled to meet your specific needs, including evenings and weekends! Transfusions take place 24 hours a day, 7 days per week!

Patients can go to any Collaborative Laboratory Services drawing site (a St. Francis Care Provider), to have the blood drawn. Your physician will call (860) 218-2300 to schedule the appointment for the transfusion.

Your transfusion will take place in a healing, comforting, quiet environment which is conveniently located on the first floor of the Hospital at Hebrew Health Care.

Talk to your physician about this new service!

Contact Karen Sayers, Director of Physician Relations at (860) 218-2305 for more information.