



Identification Band for Pre-Transfusion Blood Testing

An **orange band** was placed on you when a blood sample was taken to find your blood type in case you need a blood transfusion. The band includes your name, provincial health number, and a label with a unique Transfusion Service Identification Number (TSIN). This number helps make sure you receive the correct blood if you need a transfusion.

Why do I need to wear this band?	The TSIN number links your blood sample to any blood components you may receive. Blood components include red blood cells, platelets or plasma. The TSIN helps make sure the blood chosen for your treatment is the right match for you and are safe to receive.
How long must I wear this band?	The armband must be worn until hospital staff remove it or tell you that it can be removed. If you arrive at the Emergency Department, for surgery, or for a blood transfusion without the armband, your blood test may need to be repeated. This could delay your treatment.
What if I remove it or it gets damaged?	Contact your healthcare provider and tell hospital staff when you arrive to hospital. You may need another blood test and a new TSIN and orange armband.
What is the band made of?	Strong plastic that is latex-free and powder-free .
Can the band get wet?	Yes. The band is water-resistant. You may shower, bathe, or swim. If your identification becomes hard to read, contact your healthcare provider and tell hospital staff when you arrive. Repeat testing may be needed.

REMEMBER

Keep the orange band on until hospital staff tell you it can be removed.

For more information about the orange band or if you have questions, please contact your local Transfusion Medicine Laboratory.

