I. Advance Directive
A. The advance directive, commonly referred to as “the blood card” is an important document which should be a part of the bloodless patient’s medical record.
B. NO TRANSFUSIONS of whole blood, red cells, white cells, platelets, or plasma be given me under any circumstances. (Advance Directive Section 2). This statement indicates the patient declines transfusion of blood/blood products. Advance Directive forms may vary by state.
C. Each Institution has a Blood Refusal form which is indicated when transfusions of blood/blood products are declined by a patient. The Patient’s Advanced Directive clearly indicates the declining of blood/blood products.

II. Patient Instruction Sheet
A. The instruction sheet compliments the Advance Directive and is used to document the wishes and directions of the patient regarding procedures, treatments, and blood fractions.
B. The instruction sheet provides a more detailed explanation of the different minor blood fractions available and autologous blood use.
C. The instruction sheet can be modified to fit the needs of the institution. We have been using the instruction sheet as part of the paperwork to be completed for all patients of the bloodless program at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (MFSMC) and at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.
D. The instruction sheet becomes a part of the patient’s medical record.

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