The two Registered Practitioners performing the bedside checks should be either a Medical Officer or a Registered Practitioner holding current registration on the NMC Professional Register as a Registered Nurse.

Student nurses can observe the checking and administration of blood/blood products and act as a third signatory providing their practice is supervised and their signature is countersigned by the two other Registered Practitioners who then take overall responsibility for the procedure and administer the blood as prescribed.

Ready to use injectable preparations must be used where available.

If a prepared product is not available it will be necessary for registered and competent medical staff or nurses with the required training to add drugs to intravenous dilutents/fluids.

Any preparation and calculation must be carried out by a registered competent practitioner and checked by another registered competent practitioner.

Ready to use injectable preparations must be used where available.

Two practitioners must check the administration of CDs.

One of the practitioners must be a Registered Nurse/Operating Department Practitioner (ODP).

In all Clinical areas the second person may be another registered nurse, a doctor, a registered ODP or a student nurse.

The term student nurse applies to 2nd and 3rd year pre-registration student nurses who may act as a witness.

Student Nurses must ALWAYS be directly supervised by a registered nurse when administering ANY medication.

Can a Student Nurse check blood or blood components? No

Can a Student Nurse check drugs for IV bolus? Yes

Can a Student Nurse check/prepare drugs to add to IV fluids/dilutents? No

Can a Student Nurse check controlled drugs in their 2nd or 3rd Year? Yes