

## 1 PRESCRIBING BLOOD COMPONENTS

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CONSIDERATIONS	TICK BOX
<p>Can transfusion be avoided or minimised electively by haematinics, erythropoietin, autologous pre-deposit, or pre-operatively by haemodilution or red cell salvage?</p> <p><i>Further information on the Patient Blood Management Plan may be viewed at <a href="http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/review.html">http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines/review.html</a></i></p>	
<p>Consider the specific indications for blood component therapy. Have the reasons for transfusion been clearly recorded in the patient's notes?</p>	
<p>Do the benefits of the proposed transfusion outweigh the risks?</p>	
<p>Following a discussion of the potential benefits and risks of transfusion has the patient <b>consented</b> to be transfused?</p>	
<p>Has the patient been given a Blood Transfusion Information Leaflet to read? <i>Patient information leaflets are available from Blood Bank or may be viewed on the <a href="#">Pathology - Patient Information</a> page WNHS intranet.</i></p>	
<p>Has this informed consent been documented in the patient notes?</p>	
<p>Has the laboratory been given a clear and accurately labelled sample and request for blood products, clearly stating when blood is required?</p>	
<p>Notify the nursing staff of the intention to transfuse. Has the necessary documentation of the planned transfusion been appropriately charted?</p>	
<p>Have adequate provisions been made for monitoring of the transfusion and immediate notification if any acute transfusion reactions occur?</p>	