

TRANSFUSION GUIDELINES FOR MAJOR TRAUMA PATIENTS

During the London Trauma Conference May 2006 the question was posed as to what proportion of trusts had guidelines for transfusion for trauma patients.

Approximately 50% of those attending did have guidelines. Our trust does not and at times this can lead to suboptimal use of transfusion products. Our aim is ascertain the proportion of trusts in the UK using guidelines for trauma transfusion and what these guidelines are.

Please complete the following boxes and return in the envelope provided.

- Does your hospital have guidelines for transfusing in major trauma?
(Massive transfusion guidelines alone are not sufficient.)

Y/ N

- **If NO**, how useful do you think they would be?

N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Not Useful				Very Useful	

- **If YES**, do these include the use of:

- Universal blood (O **negative**)?
- Universal blood (O **positive**)?
- Uncrossmatched group specific blood?
- Platelets?
- FFP?
- Cryoprecipitate?
- Recombinant Factor VIIa (NovoSeven)?
- Others (please specify)
- How useful are the guidelines you use?

Y/ N

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N/A	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Not Useful				Very Useful	

- How often are these guidelines adhered to?

NEVER	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
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- Is there anyone else in your trust we should speak to regarding trauma transfusion?

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PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF ANY GUIDELINES YOU HAVE.

Many thanks for your time.

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