

1 PRESCRIBING BLOOD COMPONENTS

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1.2 Informed Consent
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1.2 INFORMED CONSENT

Informed consent for transfusion means that a dialogue has occurred between the doctor and the patient. The significant risks, benefits and alternatives to transfusion including the patient's right to refuse should be discussed.

To aid this discussion a range of patient information leaflets are available for use at CAHS and WNHS, these include:-

KEMH

All Patients

Blood Transfusion - KEMH Patient Information Leaflet

Pregnant Women

Anti D – You and Your Baby

Anti D – Information regarding Anti D for women with early pregnancy loss.

Surgical Patients

Blood Transfusion – Intraoperative Cell Salvage

PMH

Parents

Blood Transfusion - PMH General Information Leaflet

Blood Transfusion - PMH Parent Information Leaflet

Kids

Blood Transfusion – Microsub Discovery – Comic Book Format

Blood Transfusion – Amazing You – Picture Book Format

Surgical Patients

Blood Transfusion – Intraoperative Cell Salvage

All these leaflets may be viewed on the **Pathology Page** of the Intranet

Also the specific CAHS or WNHS selection may be viewed on the Intranet in the **Consumer Information Section** – Brochures and Publications.

Stocks of these leaflets may be obtained by contacting the Transfusion Medicine Laboratory or by emailing the Transfusion Coordinator.

The length of time that consent is valid may range from a single prescription to an episode of care.

As a result of the discussion the patient should:

- Understand what medical action is recommended.
- Be aware of the risks and benefits associated with the transfusion.
- Appreciate the risks and possible consequences of not receiving the recommended therapy.
- Be given an opportunity to ask questions.
- Give consent for the transfusion.

Informed consent must be documented in the patient's medical notes e.g. in the progress notes, as a named risk on the consent form for a procedure OR on a specific Transfusion Consent form (CAHS only)

Click here to open → [CAHS Consent Form for Transfusion of Blood Components](#) ←

Order PM9/35 – MR843.80

In the event of the patient being unable to give consent for whatever reason, local, State or Federal legislation regarding consent for a medical procedure will apply.

If the patient/parent REFUSES to Consent for Blood Transfusion see **Section 1.6 Refusal of Blood Products**