

Appendix 2. Shared Decision Process for Consent to the Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products in Adults

		Example - Patient type									
Transfusion Process Stage	Action required	Surgical		Medical		Chronic transfused		Emergency, able to discuss		Emergency, unable to discuss (no Advance Directive)	Patient lacking capacity
Risk of transfusion or alternative intervention identified	1. Share information about transfusion and alternatives	Information provided in an accessible format.		Information provided in an accessible format.		Information provided in an accessible format.		Information provided in an accessible format.			
Decision-making carried out by a Health Care Professional (HCP) trained in consent	2i) Patient given time to digest information	Patient can consider options and any questions they have.		Patient can consider options and any questions they have.		Patient can consider options and any questions they have.		Where applicable.			
	2ii) Shared decision making	Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Ability to change mind at any point. Unable to donate in future.		Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Ability to change mind at any point. Unable to donate in future.		Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Ability to change mind at any point. Unable to donate in future. Include interval for consent review/ongoing risk.		Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Ability to change mind at any point. Unable to donate in future.			
	2iii) Documentation of shared decision	Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal.		Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal.		Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal.		Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal.		Document reason for urgent transfusion in notes.	
	2iv) Agreement to proceed with transfusion?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No		Refer to local policy
Group and Save/Crossmatch		Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy	Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy	Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy	Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy	Sampling (where applicable)	
Authorisation (Prescription) of Transfusion		Authorisation		Authorisation		Authorisation		Authorisation		Authorisation	
Pre-administration check	3. Administration (final) Check	HCP confirms valid consent documented.		HCP confirms valid consent documented.		HCP confirms valid consent documented.		HCP confirms valid consent documented.			
Post transfusion	4. Retrospective information	Patient told if a transfusion occurred, including details and any adverse events.		Patient told transfusion details and any adverse events.		Patients told transfusion details and any adverse events.		Patients told transfusion details and any adverse events.		Patients given retrospective info and face-to-face discussion, including details and any adverse events.	
	5. Post Transfusion documentation	Included in notes and discharge summary.		Included in notes and discharge summary.		Included in notes and discharge summary.		Included in notes and discharge summary.		Included in notes and discharge summary.	

Shared Decision Process for Consent to the Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products in Children

		Example - Patient type					
Transfusion Process Stage	Action required	Patients 16-17 years of age		Patients <16 years of age with Gillick competency		Patients <16 years of age without Gillick competence	
Risk of transfusion or alternative intervention identified	1. Share information about transfusion and alternatives	Information provided in an age-appropriate, accessible format. Inform those with parental responsibility.		Information provided in an age-appropriate, accessible format. Inform those with parental responsibility.		Information provided in an age-appropriate, accessible format.	
Decision-making carried out by a Health Care Professional(HCP) trained in consent	2i) Patient given time to digest information	Patient can consider options and any questions they have.		Patient can consider options and any questions they have.		Person with parental responsibility can consider options and any questions	
	2ii) Shared decision making	Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Ability to change mind at any point (noting legal position and role of those with parental responsibility). Unable to donate in future.		Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Discussion can be revisited at any time. Unable to donate in future.		Discuss risks, benefits of blood component; risk/benefit of any reasonable alternatives or no treatment. Material risk to patient assessed. Discussion can be revisited at any time. Unable to donate in future.	
	2iii) Involvement of local legal teams	If needed/as appropriate		If needed/as appropriate		If needed/as appropriate	
	2iv) Documentation of shared decision	Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal/legal outcome (where applicable).		Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal/legal outcome (where applicable).		Include synopsis of discussion content and nature of consent /refusal/legal outcome (where applicable).	
	2v) Agreement to proceed with transfusion?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Group and Save/ Crossmatch		Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy	Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy	Sampling (where applicable)	Follow local refusal/ bloodless policy.
Authorisation (Prescription) of Transfusion		Authorisation		Authorisation		Authorisation	
Pre-administration check	3. Administration (final) Check	HCP confirms valid consent or legal permission documented.		HCP confirms valid consent or legal permission documented.		HCP confirms valid consent or legal permission documented.	
Post transfusion	4. Retrospective information	Patients told transfusion details and any adverse events.		Patients told transfusion details and any adverse events.		Person with parental responsibility informed of transfusion details and any adverse events.	
	5. Post Transfusion documentation	Included in notes and discharge summary.		Included in notes and discharge summary.		Included in notes and discharge summary.	