

## Survey of Transfusion Practices in European Preterm Infants – supplementary materials.

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## COMPARISON OF TRIAL THRESHOLDS AND ALLOCATION OF SURVEY CLINICAL SCENARIOS TO TOP AND ETTNO TREATMENT CATEGORIES AND OVERVIEW OF RESTRICTIVE AND LIBERAL TRANSFUSION THRESHOLDS IN THE LARGEST RBC TRIALS.

**Table S1. Comparison of ETTNO and TOP trial thresholds and selection of restrictive and liberal ETTNO/TOP threshold for each of 15 clinical scenarios.**

Clinical scenario	Critical or non-critical in ETTNO trial[1]	Critical or non-critical in TOP trial[2]	Selected ETTNO/TOP threshold in g/dL for < 1 week	Selected ETTNO/TOP threshold in g/dL for 1-2 weeks	Selected ETTNO/TOP threshold in g/dL for >2 weeks
<b>Mechanically ventilated</b>	Critical	Critical	Restrictive: 11.0 Liberal: 13.7	Restrictive: 10.0 Liberal: 12.5	Restrictive: 8.5 Liberal: 12.3
<b>CPAP with FIO2 &gt;0.30</b>	Critical or non-critical <i>Trial cut off 12 hrs</i>	Critical or non-critical <i>Trial cut off 0.35</i>	Restrictive: 9.3 Liberal: 13.7	Restrictive: 8.0 Liberal: 12.5	Restrictive: 7.0 Liberal: 12.3
<b>CPAP with FIO2 &lt; 0.30</b>	Critical or non-critical <i>Trial cut off 0.25 for 12 hrs</i>	Non-critical	Restrictive: 9.3 Liberal: 13.7	Restrictive: 8.0 Liberal: 12.3	Restrictive: 7.0 Liberal: 12.3
<b>Low flow (&lt;2 L/min)</b>	Non-critical	Critical or non-critical <i>Trial cut off 1 L/min</i>	Restrictive: 9.3 Liberal: 13.0	Restrictive: 8.0 Liberal: 12.5	Restrictive: 7.0 Liberal: 11.0
<b>No respiratory support</b>	Non-critical	Non-critical	Restrictive: 9.3 Liberal: 12.0	Restrictive: 8.0 Liberal: 11.0	Restrictive: 7.0 Liberal: 10.3

Critical = critical health state (ETTNO definition) or respiratory support (TOP definition). Non-critical = non-critical health state (ETTNO definition) or no respiratory support (TOP definition). Hb = hemoglobin. After categorization as critical or non-critical for in both trials, the highest threshold tested in either one of the trials was selected as liberal threshold and the lowest in either one as restrictive threshold.

### Example of comparison in more detail

Infants on CPAP with FIO2 >0.30 would meet the 'critical' criteria for ETTNO only if the respiratory requirements persisted for at least 12 hours, but we did not specify a timeframe in our survey. For TOP, these infants would meet the criteria for 'critical' only if FIO2>0.35. This clinical scenario could therefore be classified as both 'critical' and 'non-critical' in both trials, leading to a relatively wide *ETTNO/TOP threshold* range of, for example for children more than two weeks old, 7.0 (restrictive) to 12.3 g/dL (liberal)

**Table S2. Overview of restrictive and liberal transfusion thresholds in the four largest RBC RCTs.****Restrictive study arms in RBC trials.**

	TOP[2]		ETTNO <sup>#</sup> [1]		PINT <sup>##</sup> [3]		IOWA[4]		
	Respiratory support*	No support	Critical**	Non-critical	Respiratory support***	No support	Phase 1 <sup>§</sup>	Phase 2 <sup>§§</sup>	Phase 3 <sup>§§§</sup>
Randomization to 7 days after birth	11.0	10.0	11.3	9.3	11.5	10.0	11.3	9.3	7.3
Day of life 8-14	10.0	8.5	10.0	8.0	10.0	8.5	11.3	9.3	7.3
Day of life 15-21	8.5	7.0	10.0	8.0	8.5	7.5	11.3	9.3	7.3
Older than 21 days	8.5	7.0	9.0	7.0	8.5	7.5	11.3	9.3	7.3

**Liberal study arms in RBC trials.**

	TOP		ETTNO <sup>#</sup>		PINT <sup>##</sup>		IOWA		
	Respiratory support*	No support	Critical**	Non-critical	Respiratory support***	No support	Phase 1 <sup>§</sup>	Phase 2 <sup>§§</sup>	Phase 3 <sup>§§§</sup>
Randomization to 7 days after birth	13.0	12.0	13.7	11.7	13.5	12.0	15.3	12.7	10.0
Day of life 8-14	12.5	11.0	12.3	10.3	12.0	10.0	15.3	12.7	10.0
Day of life 15-21	11.0	10.0	12.3	10.3	10.0	8.5	15.3	12.7	10.0
Older than 21 days	11.0	10.0	11.3	9.3	10.0	8.5	15.3	12.7	10.0

\*mechanical ventilation, continuous positive airway pressure, FiO<sub>2</sub> >0.35, or nasal cannula ≥1 liter per min (room air nasal cannula ≥1 liter per min was considered respiratory support).

\*\* at least 1 of the following criteria: invasive mechanical ventilation, continuous positive airway pressure with fraction of inspired oxygen >0.25 for >12 hours per 24 hours, treatment for patent ductus arteriosus, acute sepsis or necrotizing enterocolitis with circulatory failure requiring inotropic/vasopressor support, >6 nurse-documented apneas requiring intervention per 24 hours, or >4 intermittent hypoxemic episodes with pulse oximetry oxygen saturation <60%.

\*\*\* assisted ventilation, continuous positive airway pressure, or supplemental oxygen.

<sup>#</sup>a conversion factor of 3.0 was used to convert IOWA and ETTNO thresholds.

<sup>##</sup> different thresholds were specified for capillary and central blood sampling strategies, capillary thresholds are reported here.

<sup>§</sup> tracheally intubated for assisted ventilation

<sup>§§</sup> nasal continuous positive airway pressure or supplemental oxygen

<sup>§§§</sup> neither positive pressure nor oxygen

The Cochrane systematic review by Whyte et al [5] summarized the restrictive thresholds evaluated in their review as reported below. These thresholds are identical to the PINT thresholds.

Postnatal Age	Respiratory Support	No Respiratory Support
	Haemoglobin g/l (Haematocrit %)	
Week 1	115 (35%)	100 (30%)
Week 2	100 (30%)	85 (25%)
Week 3	85 (25%)	75 (23%)

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## RESULTS OF WEIGHTED ANALYSIS

Tables S3 and S4 show the median and interquartile ranges for hemoglobin and platelet count threshold for transfusion in a weighted analysis, where each center was assigned a weight equal to the number of NICU's included in their country divided by the total number of eligible NICUs in their country. This is a way to correct for biased outcomes as a result of variable response rates. Table S5 shows the weighted analysis of transfusion duration, volume and rate. Table S6 shows the weighted FFP indications. As can be seen, few changes occur as a result of weighting (highlighted), suggesting limited impact of variable response rates on our findings.

**Table S3. Weighted and unweighted median and interquartile ranges for hemoglobin transfusion thresholds**

	Unweighted median (IQR)		Weighted median (IQR)	
<b>&lt;1 week</b>				
Air	95	(84-100)	90	(84-100)
Low flow	100	(90-110)	100	(90-105)
High flow <30%	102	(96-113)	102	(99-110)
High flow >30%	105	(100-120)	105	(100-120)
Intubated	115	(105-120)	115	(105-120)
<b>1-2 weeks</b>				
Air	80	(72-89)	80	(72-85)
Low flow	90	(80-100)	90	(80-95)
High flow <30%	90	(90-100)	90	(90-100)
High flow >30%	100	(90-105)	100	(90-105)
Intubated	100	(90-110)	100	(90-110)
<b>&lt;2 weeks</b>				
Air	75	(69-80)	75	(69-80)
Low flow	80	(75-90)	80	(75-85)
High flow <30%	85	(77-90)	85	(77-90)
High flow >30%	90	(81-100)	90	(81-100)
Intubated	96	(85-105)	100	(85-105)

**Table S4. Weighted and unweighted median and interquartile ranges for platelet count transfusion thresholds**

	Unweighted median (IQR)		Weighted median (IQR)	
<b>&lt;28 weeks GA</b>				
No bleeding	30	(20-45)	30	(20-40)
Ibuprofen	50	(39-60)	50	(40-60)
Lumbar puncture	50	(50-50)	50	(50-50)
Surgery	99	(50-100)	100	(50-100)
Active bleeding	50	(50-99)	50	(50-100)
<b>28-32 weeks GA</b>				
No bleeding	25	(20-30)	25	(20-30)
Ibuprofen	50	(30-50)	50	(35-60)
Lumbar puncture	50	(50-50)	50	(50-50)
Surgery	80	(50-100)	100	(50-100)
Active bleeding	50	(50-80)	50	(50-80)

**Table S5. Weighted and unweighted median and interquartile ranges for transfusion volume, duration and rate.**

	Unweighted median (IQR)		Weighted median (IQR)	
<b>RBC</b>				
Volume	15.0	(15.0-20.0)	15.0	(15.0-20.0)
Duration	4.0	(3.0-4.0)	4.0	(3.0-4.0)
Rate	4.0	(3.8-5.0)	5.0	(3.8-5.0)
<b>Platelet transfusion</b>				
Volume	15.0	(15.0-15.0)	15.0	(15.0-15.0)
Duration	1.0	(0.5-2.0)	1.0	(0.5-2.0)
Rate	15.0	(7.5-20.0)	15.0	(10.0-30.0)
<b>FFP</b>				
Volume	15.0	(15.0-20.0)	15.0	(15.0-18.0)
Duration	2.0	(1.0-3.0)	2.0	(1.0-2.0)
Rate	10.0	(5.0-15.0)	10.0	(5.0-15.0)

**Table S6. Weighted and unweighted proportions for FFP indications**

	Unweighted proportion (95% CI)		Weighted proportion (95% CI)	
Coagulopathy with active bleeding	93.3	(90.3-95.6)	93.8	(91.7-95.5)
Active bleeding without coagulopathy	46.1	(40.8-51.4)	45.0	(40.9-48.9)
Coagulopathy without active bleeding	38.8	(33.7-44.0)	39.8	(36.0-43.8)
Sepsis	26.5	(22.1-31.4)	25.8	(22.4-29.4)
Hypotension	24.8	(20.4-29.5)	23.8	(20.5-27.3)

## RESULTS OF NON-RESPONDER ANALYSIS

The table below shows the comparison of responses by early responders (first 20%) and late responders (last 20%), where late responders are considered a proxy for non-responders, with differences highlighted.

**Table S7. Results of non-responder analysis.**

	Early responders		Late responders	
	Median	Count	Median	Count
Threshold_Hb_no_oxygen_first_day	100		100	
Threshold_Hb_no_oxygen_first_week	100		100	
Threshold_Hb_no_oxygen_2weeks	80		80	
Threshold_Hb_no_oxygen_3weeks	75		75	
Threshold_Hb_low_flow_first_day	111		110	
Threshold_Hb_low_flow_first_week	100		100	
Threshold_Hb_low_flow_2weeks	90		90	
Threshold_Hb_low_flow_3weeks	80		80	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_first_day	115		115	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_first_week	105		105	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_2weeks	100		100	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_3weeks	85		85	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_first_day	120		120	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_first_week	115		110	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_2weeks	100		100	
Threshold_Hb_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_3weeks	90		89	
Threshold_Hb_intubated_ventilated_first_day	120		120	
Threshold_Hb_intubated_ventilated_first_week	116		120	
Threshold_Hb_intubated_ventilated_2weeks	100		100	
Threshold_Hb_intubated_ventilated_3weeks	94		95	
Threshold_Hct_no_oxygen_first_day	34		30	
Threshold_Hct_no_oxygen_first_week	28		30	
Threshold_Hct_no_oxygen_2weeks	24		25	
Threshold_Hct_no_oxygen_3weeks	21		23	
Threshold_Hct_low_flow_first_day	32		30	
Threshold_Hct_low_flow_first_week	28		30	
Threshold_Hct_low_flow_2weeks	25		28	
Threshold_Hct_low_flow_oxygen_3weeks	25		25	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_first_day	35		35	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_first_week	30		32	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_2weeks	30		30	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_until_30_3weeks	25		30	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_first_day	38		35	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_first_week	34		35	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_2weeks	30		30	
Threshold_Hct_high_flow_oxygen_over_30_3weeks	30		30	
Threshold_Hct_intubated_ventilated_first_day	38		36	
Threshold_Hct_intubated_ventilated_first_week	35		35	
Threshold_Hct_intubated_ventilated_2weeks	30		30	
Threshold_Hct_intubated_ventilated_3weeks	30		30	
Volume_RBC_per_kilo	15,0		15,0	
Duration_RBC_transfusion				
1 hour		2		1
2 hours		10		5
3 hours		11		17

	4 hours		29		31
	5 hours		2		3
	6 hours		10		9
	Other		1		1
Withhold_enteral_feeding	no		37		46
	yes		24		16
	other		6		5
Threshold_platelets_below_28_weeks_no_bleeding		30		30	
Threshold_platelets_below_28_weeks_active_bleeding		50		50	
Threshold_platelets_below_28_weeks_ibuprofen		50		50	
Threshold_platelets_below_28_weeks_ip		50		50	
Threshold_platelets_below_28_weeks_major_surgery		90		100	
Threshold_platelets_28_to_32_weeks_no_bleeding		30		25	
Threshold_platelets_28_to_32_weeks_active_bleeding		50		50	
Threshold_platelets_28_to_32_weeks_ibuprofen		50		50	
Threshold_platelets_28_to_32_weeks_ip		50		50	
Threshold_platelets_28_to_32_weeks_major_surgery		80		100	
Volume_platelets_per_kilo		15		15	
Duration_platelet_transfusion	15 minutes		0		2
	30 minutes		21		14
	1 hour		22		26
	2 hours		13		17
	3 hours		5		4
	4 hours		3		3
	other		2		2
Indication_FFP_volume_replacement_hypotension			9		23
Indication_FFP_active_bleeding_without_coagulopathy			26		32
Indication_FFP_coagulopathy_no_active_bleeding			20		28
Indication_FFP_coagulopathy_active_bleeding			67		62
Indication_FFP_sepsis			17		21
Volume_FFP_per_kilo		15		15	
Duration_FFP_transfusion	15 minutes		0		0
	30 minutes		8		10
	1 hour		25		19
	2 hours		19		19
	3 hours		7		5
	4 hours		7		13
	other		1		2
Routine_diuretics_RBC	never		35		38
	always		1		4
	sometimes		30		24
Routine_diuretics_platelets	never		58		51
	always		1		2
	sometimes		7		12
Routine_diuretics_FFP	never		54		45
	always		1		3
	sometimes		9		18
Consent_non_emergency_transfusion	No consent		4		4
	Verbal consent only		2		10
	Verbal consent documenten by clinician		10		2
	Verbal and written consent from parents		46		50
	Other		4		1



## QUESTIONNAIRE

This document contains all the survey questions that were analyzed in this manuscript. Two questions were not analyzed, see specifications below.

**How many babies are born at <32 weeks gestation at your unit each year?** Due to a Limesurvey error, data entry for this question was inaccurate and could therefore not be analyzed.

**Which form of platelets does your unit use for neonatal transfusions?** One of the answer options was 'Platelet hyperconcentrate', which is a product that is used very sparsely, but would be given at a dose of only 3-5 ml/kg, depending on exact product specifications. On further analyses we observed that many entries that selected 'platelet hyperconcentrate' subsequently reported giving this at a dose of 15 ml/kg. It is likely that these centers use regular platelet transfusion products, not hyperconcentrate, but we were not able to obtain this information. Therefore we have not analyzed these data.

**Do you use any of the following on your neonatal unit? (if yes, please indicate when you would use them):** Antithrombin III, Tranexamic acid, Another agent which promotes clotting/coagulation, Another agent which prevents clotting/coagulation. The specifications that were given for 'another agent' often contained indications that were unlikely to be correct. For example, .. Therefore, these data were considered unreliable and not analyzed or presented.

We did not report RBC thresholds for babies <24 hours of age, because...

The survey also contained questions about treatment with recombinant human erythropoietin and supplementation of iron, which will be analyzed separately and have not been presented here.

# Neonatal blood components survey

Hello,

You have been contacted as a representative clinician for your neonatal unit. As part of an international survey on blood products, we are contacting representatives from neonatal units who regularly care for infants born at <32 weeks' gestation.

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to help us to better understand the variations in neonatal blood product transfusion practices, which exist across Europe, by answering the following questions on behalf of your neonatal unit.

If practice varies between attending clinicians at your unit, please indicate the response you feel best represents the general consensus amongst senior clinicians in your hospital: we only want one response for each neonatal unit. Please also note that there are no right or wrong answers!

We are looking to develop a network of interested neonatologists, health care professionals, and transfusion specialists aimed at advancing the practice of neonatal transfusion medicine and designing new clinical studies. Please let us know at the end of the survey if you are interested in taking part.

Participation in this survey is voluntary.

No individual, hospital or neonatal unit will be identifiable from any reports or publications from this survey. Location information is collected to allow us to track who has responded and ensure that we have a good representative sample from each country.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please contact the representative for your country (the person who sent you the survey invitation) or [alexandra.scrivens@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:alexandra.scrivens@ouh.nhs.uk)

There are 30 questions in this survey.

## General Questions

**Does your neonatal unit/hospital routinely look after babies born at less than 32 weeks of completed gestation?**

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

**How many babies are born at <32 weeks gestation at your unit each year?**

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- <50
- 50-100
- 100-200
- >200

**Please indicate on the map the location of your hospital.**

Your responses and your hospital will not be identifiable from any report or publication from this survey. Tracking location in this way allows us to track which hospitals have responded to our survey. This information will be used for this purpose only.

Please write your answer here:

## Red Blood Cells

Please answer the following questions relating to how your unit routinely cares for infants born under 32 weeks of gestational age.

**The next questions will ask about the threshold(s) which you use for red cell/blood transfusion in preterm babies. Please select which units your hospital uses to decide whether a blood transfusion is necessary.**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:  
Haemoglobin level in g/L or g/dL / Haematocrit

**What haemoglobin level would use you as a threshold to transfuse the following babies born at <32 weeks' GA?**

Please give answers in g/L where 1.0 g/dL = 10 g/L

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Haemoglobin level in g/L or g/dL' at question '5 [RBC3]' (The next questions will ask about the threshold(s) which you use for red cell/blood transfusion in preterm babies. Please select which units your hospital uses to decide whether a blood transfusion is necessary)

	less than 24 hours of age	24 hours to 7 days of age	2 weeks of age	3 weeks of age
Infant on no added oxygen or respiratory support (g/L)				
Infant on <2L/min added oxygen by low flow nasal cannula (g/L)				
Infant on 21-30% oxygen by non-invasive respiratory support (Including continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), Biphasic intermittent positive airway pressure (BiPAP; synchronised or unsynchronised), nasal high flow) (g/L)				
Infant on >30% oxygen by non-invasive respiratory support (g/L)				
Infant who is intubated and ventilated (g/L)				

**What haematocrit would use you as a threshold to transfuse the following babies born at <32 weeks' GA?**

Please give answers as haematocrit percentage. e.g. haematocrit 0.1 = 10% = answer 10

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Haematocrit' at question '5 [RBC3]' (The next questions will ask about the threshold(s) which you use for red cell/blood transfusion in preterm babies. Please select which units your hospital uses to decide whether a blood transfusion is necessary)

	less than 24 hours of age	24 hours to 7 days of age	2 weeks of age	3 weeks of age
Infant on no added oxygen or respiratory				

	less than 24 hours of age	24 hours to 7 days of age	2 weeks of age	3 weeks of age
support				
Infant on <2L/min added oxygen by low flow nasal cannula				
Infant on 21-30% oxygen by non-invasive respiratory support (Including continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), Biphasic intermittent positive airway pressure (BiPAP; synchronised or unsynchronised), nasal high flow)				
Infant on >30% oxygen by non-invasive respiratory support				
Infant who is intubated and ventilated				

**What volume of red cells would you typically transfuse to a haemodynamically stable baby on your neonatal unit?**

Please give your answer in **ml/kg**. Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here: ...

**Over what duration would you normally give an RBC transfusion in a haemodynamically stable baby born at <32 weeks?**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

6 hours / 5 hours / 4 hours / 3 hours / 2 hours / 1 hour / 30 minutes / 15 minutes / Other

**Do you withhold enteral feeds during red blood cell transfusions for babies born <32 weeks gestational age? (if you choose 'sometimes', please specify when you would withhold feeds)**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes / No / Sometimes

## Platelets

please answer the following questions

**At which platelet count threshold would you usually transfuse the following babies in the first week since birth? (answers given as  $\times 10^9/L$  or micromol/L)**

	Stable, no bleeding	Active bleeding e.g. new intraventricular haemorrhage	Undergoing ibuprofen treatment for PDA	Before a lumbar puncture	Before major surgery (e.g. laparotomy)
An infant born at <28 weeks' gestation					
An infant born at 28-32 weeks' gestation					

**Which form of platelets does your unit use for neonatal transfusions?**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Standard/Normal concentration platelets
- Platelet hyperconcentrate
- I do not know
- Other

**What volume of platelets would you typically transfuse to a haemodynamically stable baby on your NNU?**

Please give your answer in **ml/kg**. e.g. '15' = 15ml/kg. Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here: ...

**Over what duration would you normally transfuse platelets in a haemodynamically stable baby on your NNU?**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

4 hours / 3 hours / 2 hours / 1 hour / 30 mins / 15 mins / Other

## Plasma/Fresh Frozen Plasma

**For which main indication(s) would you prescribe fresh frozen plasma (FFP) to babies in your hospital?**

Check all that apply. Please choose **all** that apply:

- Volume replacement/hypotension
- Active bleeding without coagulopathy
- Coagulopathy with no active bleeding
- Coagulopathy with active bleeding
- Sepsis
- Other:

**Do you routinely perform coagulation/clotting tests in babies born <32weeks who are not bleeding?**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes / No

**What volume of plasma/FFP would you usually administer to a haemodynamically stable baby born at <32 weeks on your NNU?**

Please give your answer in **ml/kg**. e.g. '15' = 15ml/kg. Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here: ...

**Over what duration would you usually give a plasma/FFP transfusion in a haemodynamically stable baby on your NNU?**

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

4 hours / 3 hours / 2 hours / 1 hour / 30 mins / 15 mins / Other

**Do you use any of the following on your neonatal unit? (if yes, please indicate when you would use them)**

Comment only when you choose an answer. Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

- Antithrombin III
- Tranexamic acid
- Another agent which promotes clotting/coagulation
- Another agent which prevents clotting/coagulation
- No

## Transfusion management

### Do you routinely prescribe diuretics alongside blood component transfusions?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	No, never	Yes, always	Yes, sometimes
Red blood cells			
Platelets			
Plasma/FFP			

### In common practice on your unit, what consent do you obtain from parents for a non-emergency blood component transfusion?

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

- No consent
- Verbal consent only
- Verbal consent documented in the notes by clinician
- Verbal and written consent from parents (parents have to sign a form)
- Other

### Would you be interested in participating in a national / international network to address further research questions in neonatal transfusion practice?

Over the coming year, you may be invited to taking part in a short point prevalence study on neonatal blood transfusions. This would involve collecting data on all neonatal transfusions on your unit for a short period of time.

Choose one of the following answers. Please choose **only one** of the following:

No thank you / Yes

Thank you very much for your time in answering our survey.

Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.



## **LIST OF PARTICIPATING NEONATAL (RESEARCH) NETWORKS**

To be added after review by national coordinators.