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Recognise diversity and individual choice



Work in partnership



Act as an advocate

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BASICS OF BLOOD MANAGEMENT

SECOND EDITION



“Jehovah’s Witnesses love and cherish life ... They consider blood as holy as life itself.”

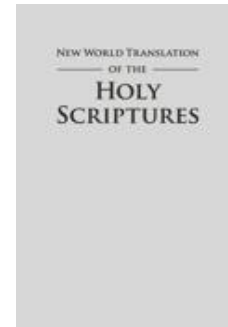
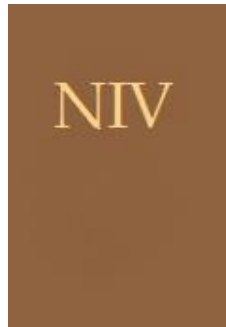
Law, Ethics, Religion, and Blood Management

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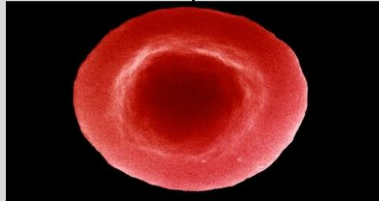
“Abstain ... from blood”

Acts of Apostles 15:20



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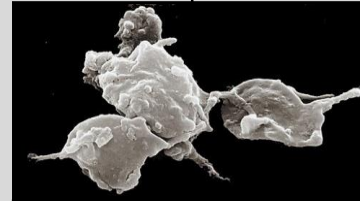
WHOLE BLOOD



Red Cells



White Cells



Platelets



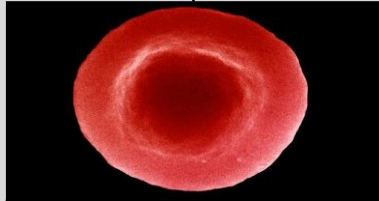
Plasma

“This is a **deeply-held core value and any non-consensual transfusion is regarded as a gross physical violation”**

Royal College of Surgeons of England –
Caring for patients who refuse blood. 2016

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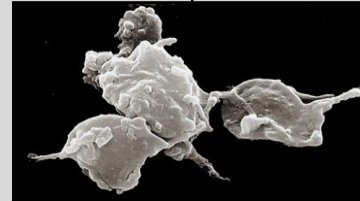
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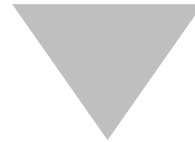
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Plasma



Derivatives – Patient Choice

Advance Decision Document

Advance Decision to Refuse Specified Medical Treatment

1. I, _____ (print or type full name),
born _____ (date) complete this document to set
forth my treatment instructions in case of my incapacity. **The refusal of specified
treatment(s) contained herein continues to apply to that/those treatment(s) even if
those medically responsible for my welfare and/or any other persons believe that
my life is at risk.**
2. I am one of Jehovah's Witnesses with firm religious convictions. With full realization
of the implications of this position I direct that **NO TRANSFUSIONS OF BLOOD
or primary blood components (red cells, white cells, plasma or platelets)** be
administered to me in any circumstances. I also refuse to predonate my blood for later
infusion.
3. No Lasting Power of Attorney nor any other document that may be in force should be
taken as giving authority to disregard or override my instructions set forth herein. Family
members, relatives, or friends may disagree with me, but any such disagreement does not
diminish the strength or substance of my refusal of blood or other instructions.
4. Regarding end-of-life matters: [initial one of the two choices]
(a) _____ I do not want my life to be prolonged if, to a reasonable degree of medical
certainty, my situation is hopeless.
(b) _____ I want my life to be prolonged as long as possible within the limits of generally
accepted medical standards, even if this means that I might be kept alive on machines for
years.
5. **Regarding other healthcare and welfare instructions** (such as current medications,
allergies, medical problems or any other comments about my healthcare wishes):

6. I consent to my relevant medical records and the details of my condition being shared with
the Emergency Contact below and/or with member(s) of the Hospital Liaison Committee
for Jehovah's Witnesses.

7. _____
Signature NHS No. _____ Date _____

Address

8. **STATEMENT OF WITNESSES:** The person who signed this document did so in my
presence. He or she appears to be of sound mind and free from duress, fraud, or undue
influence. I am 18 years of age or older.

Signature of witness _____

Signature of witness _____

Name _____

Occupation _____

Name _____

Occupation _____

Address

Address

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

9. EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____

Address

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

10. **GENERAL PRACTITIONER CONTACT
DETAILS:** A copy of this document is
lodged with the Registered General
Medical Practitioner whose details
appear below.

Name _____

Address

Telephone Number(s) _____


NO BLOOD
(signed document inside)
**Advance Decision to Refuse
Specified Medical Treatment**

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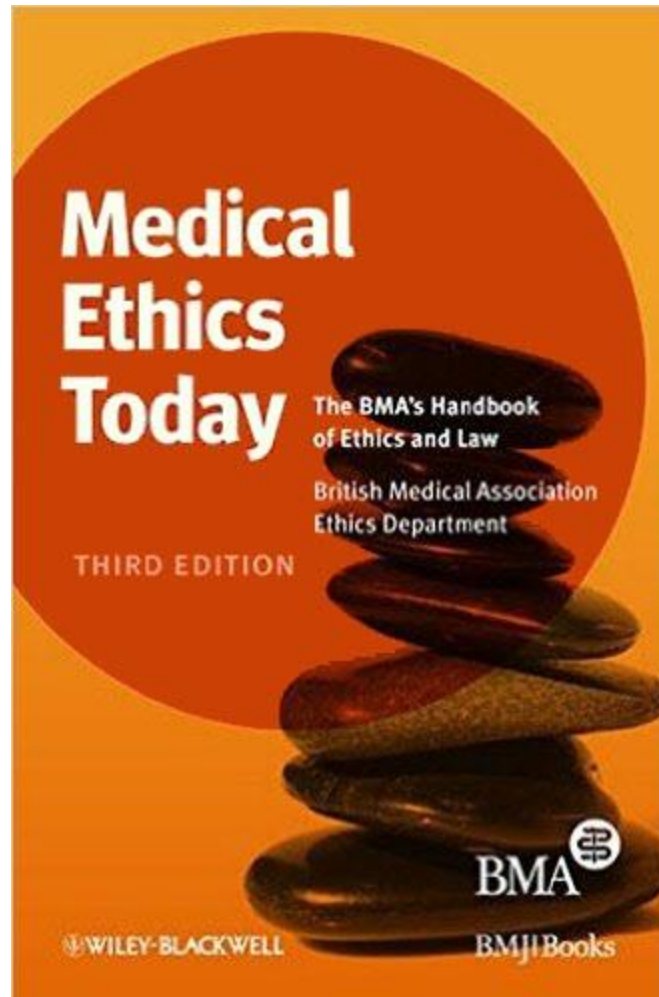
NO BLOOD



Children

“It is essential that doctors make every effort to accommodate beliefs rather than ... looking to the courts as the first resort.”

Medical Ethics Today: The BMA's Handbook of Ethics and Law, Third Edition, 2012. p.166



Patient Blood Management



**Maximise
Erythropoiesis**

- IV Iron
- ESAs

**Minimise
Blood Loss**

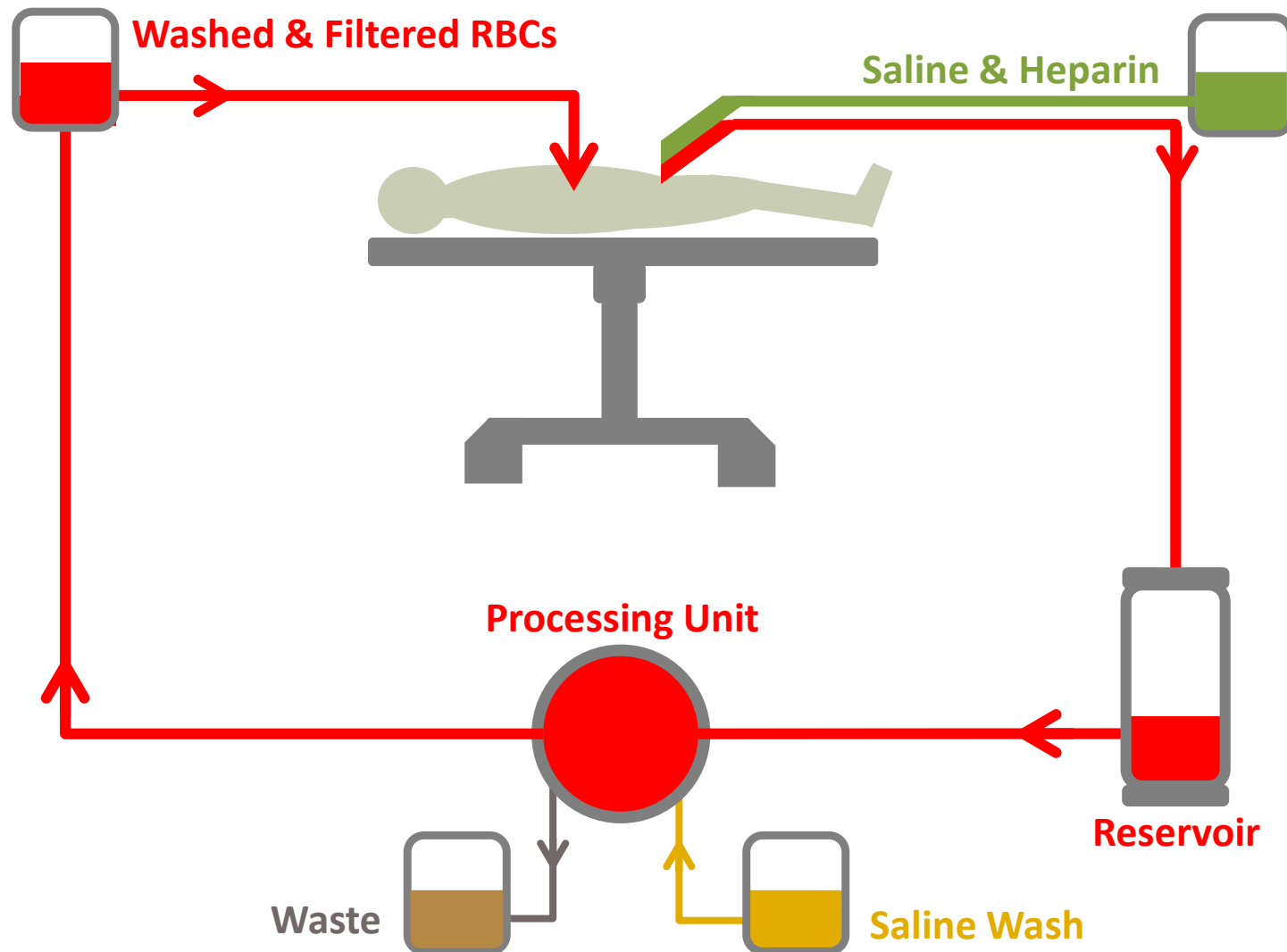
- Haemostasis
- Cell Salvage

**Manage
Anaemia**

**Tolerate
lower Hb**

Minimise
Blood Loss

Blood Salvage



Tranexamic Acid



40 Countries



274 Hospitals



20,211 Patients



33%

**Transfusion
Reduction**

Hospital Liaison Committee Network for Jehovah's Witnesses



Collaboration - Information - Support