



PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT

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UPDATED TRANEXAMIC ACID GUIDANCE FROM NICE

NICE has issued draft guidance, removing the need to estimate blood loss, to simplify the use of tranexamic acid (TXA), and encourage wider use. New evidence shows TXA is safe and cost-effective even when small amounts of blood loss is expected. Offer TXA when all these criteria are met:

- Surgery is being performed in an operating theatre.
- There is a risk of bleeding.
- The procedure will breach the skin or mucous membrane.

The updated guidance also advises considering TXA in children using the same criteria. Read the guidance here: [Blood transfusion - Tranexamic acid](#)



E-Ifh TRANSITION DELAYED



Transition of NHSBT e-learning modules, including Blood Transfusion Training, from E-Ifh to the NHS learning zone, has been delayed until the New Year. Organisations should receive two weeks’ notice of the transition period. Until then continue and complete training modules. In the meantime, download all certificates of completion. Do not commence modules during the transition period as data will not be saved.

GLOBAL WHO WEBINAR

WHO recently hosted an international panel of experts to promote the release of the [Guidance for Implementing Patient Blood Management to Improve Global Blood Health](#), released in Spring 2025. The discussion emphasised improving blood health worldwide and redefining blood as an organ, a key step toward better patient outcomes.

Contact your PBM practitioner if you would like a copy of the slides.



LONDON RTC IBI EVENT



The London Region hosted a webinar with over 300 delegates, examining the far-reaching impact of the Infected Blood Inquiry. Key discussions included UK blood donation testing timelines, informed consent in transfusion practice, advocacy for those affected by contaminated blood products, and clinical insights from a hepatologist on diagnosis and treatment. An interactive Q&A made this an invaluable session, reinforcing our shared commitment to safety, transparency, and patient-centred care across transfusion services. This will be made available on You Tube.

LIVERPOOL POP-UP

Much of our work focuses on patients, the public, and external healthcare professionals, but it’s equally important for us to build strong relationships and maintain visibility within NHSBT.

PBMP’s Jo Shorthouse and Jo Bark hosted a PBM pop-up stand at the Liverpool Blood Centre. This event was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our PBM resources and engage with staff about topics such as iron, anaemia, and the many ways PBM can support better health and improved outcomes.



INTRAOPERATIVE CELL SALVAGE WEBINAR

As highlighted in November’s PBM update, the Southwest RTC and UK Cell Salvage Action Group’s recent webinar, is now available to watch on the [PBM England You Tube channel](#)

