

The Role of Hospital Transfusion Committee in Ensuring Rational Use of Blood

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Abstract

A Hospital Transfusion Committee (HTC) is a governance body established within the hospital to ensure appropriate blood product use, auditing blood use in the hospital and monitoring and preventing adverse events. The primary goal of HTC is to promote the safe and effective use of blood and components. It is important to educate the end users of blood components to close the gap in medical education pertaining to transfusion medicine. Comprehensive blood utilization review and reporting to management ensures that corrective actions are taken when needed. Meeting is held annually in our setting to discuss practices within the hospital and scope of improvement. HTC provides an active forum for communication between staff directly involved in clinical and laboratory-based patient blood management and blood transfusion activities, to provide solutions, feedback and education in relation to identified problems and to ensure that transfusion practice accords with best practice and aligns with national standards.

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