

Appendix 2

Neonatal red blood cell transfusion practices in Switzerland: national survey and review of international recommendations

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Online questionnaire sent to the neonatal units

1. Name of your unit
2. Are you performing neonatal red blood cell transfusions in your unit?
3. From which BTS or hospital laboratory do you order blood bags?
4. How does the nursing staff verify that the red blood cells will be administered to the correct patient?
5. Which parameters of the baby do you document before administering red blood cells?
6. Are you monitoring the baby's vital signs during red blood cell transfusions even though they had not been monitored before?
7. Which vascular access do you use to transfuse red blood cells?
8. Do you use a filter for the administration of red blood cells?
9. Which volume do you routinely administer during a red blood cell transfusion?
10. At which transfusion rate do you perform red blood cell transfusions?
11. Do you routinely check the hematocrit level after/at the end of a red blood cell transfusion?
12. Do you think that national red blood cell transfusion guidelines would be helpful and warranted?