Single Unit Transfusions

IN NON-BLEEDING PATIENTS:

Only ONE unit can be ordered

Reassess the patient’s symptoms after the first unit

Hb should comply with the Patient Blood Management Guidelines*

Each unit transfused is an independent clinical decision

Transfusion risks are dose dependent

Be SINGLE minded

Single Unit Transfusion Guideline

Only **ONE unit of blood** may be ordered if the patient is not actively bleeding and not in an operating theatre.

Second unit can be requested after patient has been assessed, and remains symptomatic.

Indications for second unit:
- Active blood loss
- Hb <70 g/L or <80 g/L for acute coronary syndrome
- Ongoing chest pain
- Less than 8 g/L rise in Hb following first unit.

Single Unit Blood Transfusions

In accordance with the Patient Blood Management Guidelines:

- Prescribe **ONE** unit only for the symptomatic, non-bleeding patient
- Reassess the patient before requesting second unit
- Each unit transfused is an independent clinical decision
- Hb <70 g/L or <80g/L for acute coronary syndrome

Transfusion risks are dose dependent

Be **SINGLE** minded