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# Il percorso italiano del PBM

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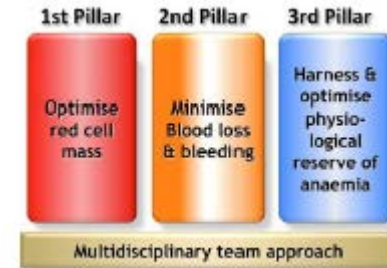
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SIXTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 11.17

WHA63.12

21 May 2010



Availability, safety and quality of blood products

- This resolution of the World Health Assembly urges all 189 member states of the United Nations to implement various transfusion related strategies including **Patient Blood Management** with its three pillar approach.

# WHA63.12: "Blood Products" definition



"Any therapeutic substances derived from human blood, including whole blood, labile blood components and plasma-derived medicinal products"



World Health Organization

# GAZZETTA UFFICIALE



## DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

PARTE PRIMA

Roma - Lunedì, 15 ottobre 2012

SI PUBBLICA TUTTI I  
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DECRETO 4 settembre 2012.

Programma di autosufficienza nazionale del sangue e dei suoi prodotti per l'anno 2012.

4. L'autosufficienza del sangue e dei suoi prodotti e il percorso di qualificazione del Sistema trasfusionale italiano

sono fornite le seguenti indicazioni per il perseguimento del predetto obiettivo generale:

h) definire ed implementare metodi e strumenti innovativi e più efficaci per garantire l'appropriatezza della gestione, organizzativa e clinica, della risorsa sangue;

- According to the Health Ministry Decree of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 regarding the national self-sufficiency plan of blood and blood components the concept of PBM was first introduced as a tool to pursue the objective of achieving the national self-sufficiency.
- To achieve this goal the Decree established that it was necessary “to define and implement innovative and more effective methods and tools to ensure the appropriate clinical and organizational management of blood”.

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## DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

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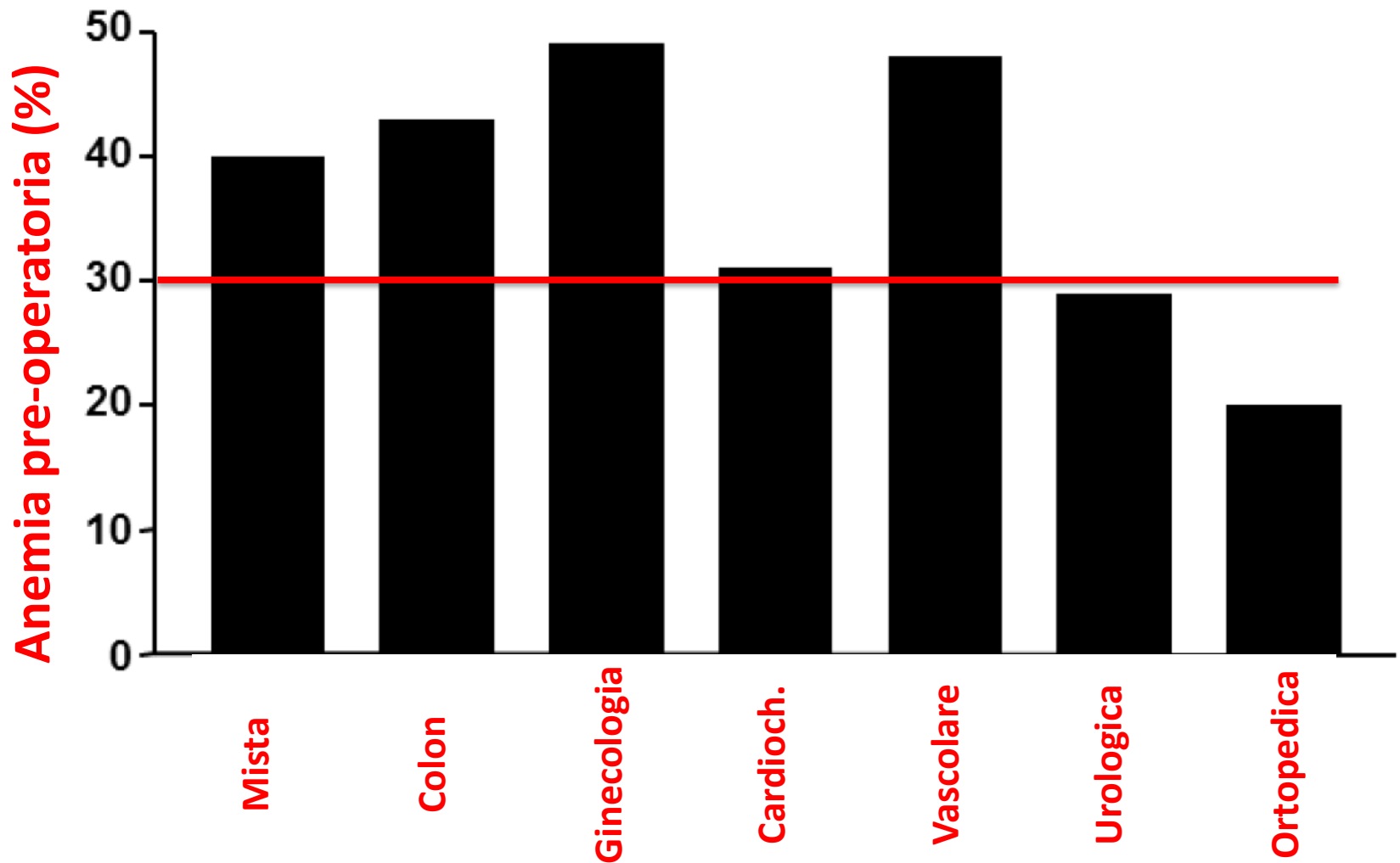
*2.6. Definizione ed implementazione di metodi e strumenti innovativi ed efficaci per garantire l'appropriatezza della gestione, organizzativa e clinica, della risorsa sangue.*

### Raccomandazioni:

Con riferimento ai percorsi diagnostico-terapeutici medici e chirurgici a maggiore impatto trasfusionale, si raccomanda di definire e promuovere l'applicazione di approcci multidisciplinari evidence-based, finalizzati a migliorare in modo sostenibile l'outcome del paziente mediante il mantenimento della concentrazione emoglobinica, l'ottimizzazione dell'emostasi e la minimizzazione delle perdite ematiche. In tali ambiti, identificare i pazienti a rischio di trasfusione e definire piani di gestione clinica dello stesso («patient blood management») tesi a ridurre o eliminare il bisogno di trasfusione allogenica, riducendo al contempo i rischi ed i costi ad essa collegati.

- The 2013 national self-sufficiency plan dealt with the same issue introducing clearly the **wording PBM** and **recommending** to “**promote a multidisciplinary and evidence-based approach aiming at improving the patient's outcome through the 3 pillars of PBM”.**

# Prevalenza dell'anemia pre-operatoria nei pazienti candidati a interventi di chirurgia maggiore

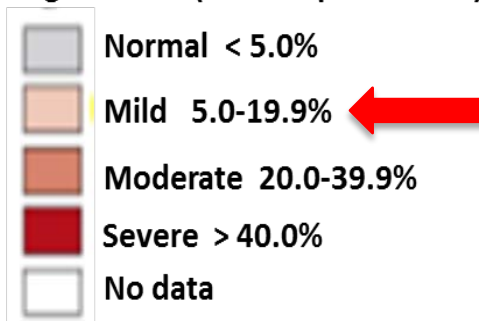


# Worldwide prevalence of anaemia

**24.8% of world population is anaemic**

**1.62 billion people**

Category of public health significance (anemia prevalence)





# Il problema: l'anemia preoperatoria

## Anemia preoperatoria e outcome postoperatorio in chirurgia non cardiaca: uno studio retrospettivo di coorte

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### Summary

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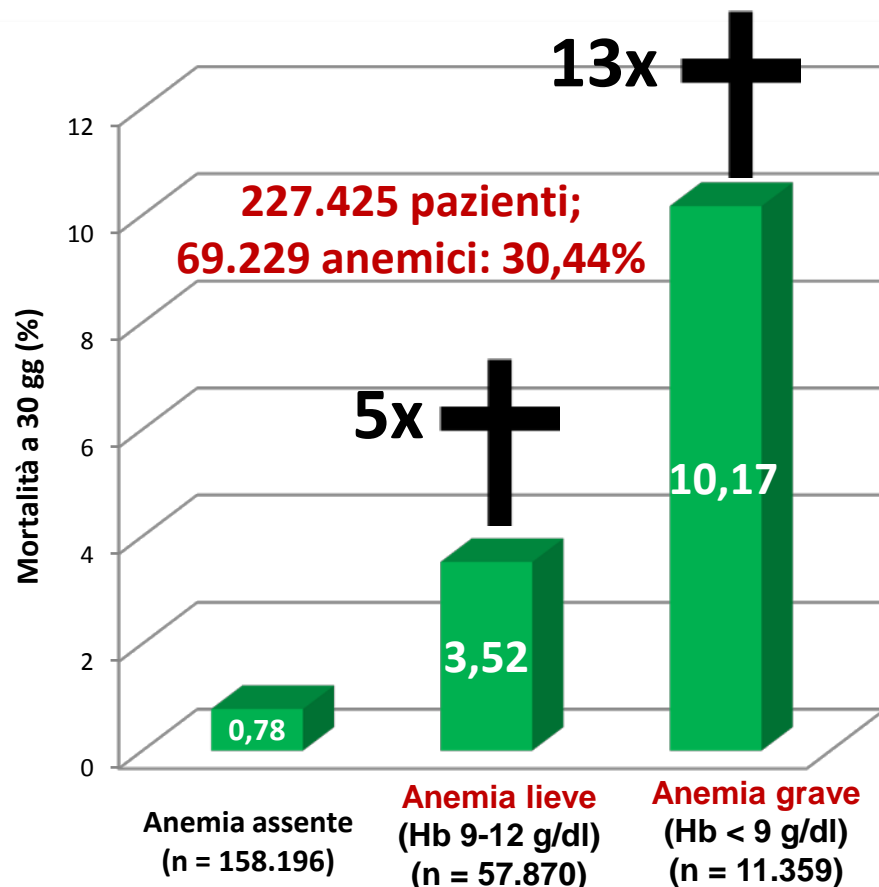
**Background** Preoperative anaemia is associated with adverse outcomes a non-cardiac surgery are not well established. We aimed to assess the el postoperative morbidity and mortality in patients undergoing major non-ca

**Methods** We analysed data for patients undergoing major non-cardiac surge Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program database (a pro: 211 hospitals worldwide in 2008). We obtained anonymised data for 3: respiratory, CNS, urinary tract, wound, sepsis, and venous thromboen preoperative and perioperative risk factors. We used multivariate logisti modified (nine predefined risk factor subgroups) effect of anaemia, w: concentration >29-<39% in men and >29-<36% in women) or moderate-l postoperative outcomes.

**Findings** We obtained data for 227 425 patients, of whom 69 229 (30·44%) hac postoperative mortality at 30 days was higher in patients with anaemia than i 1·42, 95% CI 1·31-1·54); this difference was consistent in mild anaemia ( anaemia (1·44, 1·29-1·60). Composite postoperative morbidity at 30 days v than in those without anaemia (adjusted OR 1·35, 1·30-1·40), again consis 1·26-1·36) and moderate-to-severe anaemia (1·56, 1·47-1·66). When com: defined risk factor, patients with anaemia and most risk factors had a high morbidity than did patients with either anaemia or the risk factor alone.

**Interpretation** Preoperative anaemia, even to a mild degree, is independe: 30-day morbidity and mortality in patients undergoing major non-cardiac s

**Funding** Vifor Pharma.



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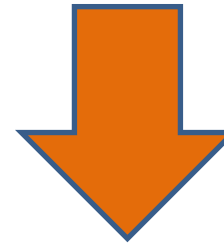
Retrospective, 227,425 patients

# Italy 2013



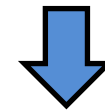
**Arthroplasties in Italy  
(Hip & Knee: HA,KA), year 2013**

**162,162**



**Anaemic patients (HA, KA) to be managed  
in peri-operative period in Italy, year 2013:**

**From 8,108 to 32,270**



**~ 3-10% mortality (Musallam K, 2011)**



**~ From 243-811 to 968-3,227 preventable deaths**

# In the 2014 national self-sufficiency plan a project, coordinated by the National Blood Centre, foreseeing the first pilot application in the field of elective major orthopaedic replacement surgery was introduced

**TABELLA I.**

Interventi di sostituzione protesica articolare in Italia. Anni 2001-2010. (Fonte: Schede di Dimissione Ospedaliera - Ministero della Salute).

Cod.	Denominazione	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% (*)
<b>Anca</b>												
81.51	Sostituzione totale dell'anca	45.656	48.672	51.241	54.349	55.516	57.521	58.555	58.679	59.397	59.631	3,0
81.52	Sostituzione parziale dell'anca	20.732	21.331	20.981	21.627	22.380	22.386	22.289	23.034	22.506	23.916	1,6
(*)	Revisione di sostituzione dell'anca	5.969	6.451	6.494	6.683	6.913	7.170	7.229	7.164	7.264	7.342	2,3
	<b>Totale</b>	<b>72.357</b>	<b>76.454</b>	<b>78.716</b>	<b>82.659</b>	<b>84.809</b>	<b>87.077</b>	<b>88.073</b>	<b>88.877</b>	<b>89.167</b>	<b>90.889</b>	<b>2,6</b>
<b>Ginocchio</b>												
81.54	Sostituzione totale del ginocchio	26.697	30.896	35.650	40.803	43.692	47.862	51.971	54.269	54.652	56.664	8,7
(**)	Revisione di sostituzione del ginocchio	1.262	1.656	1.900	2.182	2.463	2.657	2.997	3.299	3.623	3.630	12,5
	<b>Totale</b>	<b>27.959</b>	<b>32.552</b>	<b>37.550</b>	<b>42.985</b>	<b>46.155</b>	<b>50.519</b>	<b>54.968</b>	<b>57.568</b>	<b>58.275</b>	<b>60.294</b>	<b>8,9</b>
<b>Spalla</b>												
81.80	Sostituzione totale della spalla	694	798	934	1.238	1.454	1.678	1.991	2.161	2.511	2.959	17,5
81.81	Sostituzione parziale della spalla	844	875	916	1.020	1.049	1.188	1.185	1.233	1.242	1.331	5,2
	<b>Totale</b>	<b>1.538</b>	<b>1.673</b>	<b>1.850</b>	<b>2.258</b>	<b>2.503</b>	<b>2.866</b>	<b>3.176</b>	<b>3.394</b>	<b>3.753</b>	<b>4.290</b>	<b>12,1</b>
<b>Altre articolazioni</b>												
81.56	Sostituzione totale della tibiotarsica											11,2
81.57	Sostituzione dell'articolazione del piede e dell'alluce											7,4
81.59	Revisione di sostituzione di articolazione delle estremità inferiori, non classificata altrove											-5,3
81.73	Sostituzione totale del polso											2,3
81.84	Sostituzione totale del gomito											17,8
81.97	Revisione di sostituzione di articolazione dell'arto superiore											8,1
	<b>Totale</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1.034</b>	<b>1.358</b>	<b>1.910</b>	<b>1.993</b>	<b>1.852</b>	<b>1.686</b>	<b>1.655</b>	<b>1.607</b>	<b>7,4</b>
	<b>Totale complessivo</b>	<b>102.701</b>	<b>111.653</b>	<b>119.150</b>	<b>129.260</b>	<b>135.377</b>	<b>142.455</b>	<b>148.069</b>	<b>151.525</b>	<b>152.850</b>	<b>157.080</b>	<b>4,8</b>

**In Italy, every year more than 160,000 arthroplasties are performed in 750 facilities. Total estimated cost only for surgical DRGs:  $\cong$  1 billion €**

(P) Incremento medio annuo espresso in percentuale

(\*) Codici intervento di revisione anca: 81.53; dal 1° gennaio 2009 anche 00.70, 00.71, 00.72, 00.73

(\*\*) Codici di intervento di revisione ginocchio: 81.55; dal 1° gennaio 2009 anche 00.80, 00.81, 00.82, 00.83, 00.84

**2013 - 2014**



**PATIENT  
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# Multidisciplinary recommendations on PBM in elective major orthopaedic surgery - July 2015 - 5 scientific societies

Recommendations for the implementation of a Patient Blood Management programme. Application to elective major orthopaedic surgery in adults

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- Italian Society of Italian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (SIOT)

- Italian Society of Anaesthesia, Analgesia, Resuscitation and Intensive Therapy (SIAARTI)

- Italian Society for the Study of Haemostasis and Thrombosis (SISSET)

- The National Association of Hospital Medical Directors (ANMDO)



RACCOMANDAZIONI  
PER L'IMPLEMENTAZIONE DEL PROGRAMMA DI  
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APPLICAZIONE IN CHIRURGIA ORTOPEDICA MAGGIORE ELETTIVA DELL'ADULTO

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# Meta-analysis of the association between preoperative anaemia and mortality after surgery

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**Background:** Numerous studies have described the association between anaemia and adverse outcomes after surgery. However, the impact of preoperative anaemia on postoperative outcomes remains unclear.

**Methods:** A systematic review of studies exploring associations between preoperative anaemia and postoperative mortality, morbidity, primary outcome was 30-day or in-hospital mortality. Secondary outcomes included stroke and myocardial infarction. Predefined analyses were performed in cardiac and non-cardiac surgery subgroups. A *post hoc* analysis was undertaken to evaluate the association between anaemia and red cell transfusion. Data are presented as odds ratios (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI).

**Results:** From 10 studies, 949,445 patients were identified. Some 371,594 patients (39.1 per cent) were anaemic. Anaemia was associated with mortality (OR 2.90, 2.30 to 3.68;  $I^2 = 97$  per cent;  $P < 0.001$ ) and infection (OR 1.93, 1.17 to 3.17;  $I^2 = 60$  per cent;  $P < 0.001$ ) and stroke (OR 1.11, 0.68 to 1.82;  $I^2 = 13$  per cent;  $P = 0.009$ ) but not myocardial infarction (OR 1.04, 0.78 to 1.38;  $I^2 = 13$  per cent;  $P = 0.009$ ). Anaemia was associated with an increased incidence of red cell transfusion (OR 5.04, 4.12 to 6.17;  $I^2 = 97$  per cent;  $P < 0.001$ ). Similar findings were observed in the cardiac and non-cardiac subgroups.

**Conclusion:** Preoperative anaemia is associated with poor outcomes after surgery, although heterogeneity between studies was significant. It remains unclear whether anaemia is an independent risk factor for poor outcome or simply a marker of underlying chronic disease. However, red cell transfusion is much more frequent amongst anaemic patients.

949,445 patients  
371,594 with anaemia  
mortality, acute kidney injury, infections, stroke

The fact that it has been proved that preoperative anaemia is associated with poor outcomes after surgery makes it an ideal tool to create an urgent need for PBM implementation

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DECRETO 2 novembre 2015.

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Roma - Lunedì, 28 dicembre 2015

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Provisions on quality and safety of blood and  
blood components

## Art. 25 Transfusion safety

5. For the **prevention of avoidable transfusions** and with particular reference to the preparation of the patient who will undergo pre-scheduled surgical treatments, specific programmes are defined and implemented nationwide (**Patient Blood Management**) on the basis of guidelines to be issued by the National Blood Centre within six months after entry into force of the present Decree.

# The Italian Regulatory Guidelines for the implementation of Patient Blood Management

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## Recommendations for the pre-, intra- and post-operative period

- 1 Patients with acquired or congenital coagulopathies and/or thrombocytopathies or positive bleeding anamnesis or those being treated with anticoagulants and/or anti-platelet drugs **shall be** managed in cooperation with haemostasis and thrombosis specialists.
- 2 In all adult, clinically stable inpatients who are to undergo a homologous or autologous red blood cell (RBC) transfusion, the adoption of a restrictive transfusion threshold established in cooperation with a transfusion medicine specialist, **is recommended**. These include critical patients, those with a history of cardiovascular pathologies and those who are to undergo orthopaedic or heart surgery.
- 3 The threshold for homologous or autologous RBC transfusions in other categories of patients, **shall be** adopted in cooperation with a transfusion medicine specialist.
- 4 In clinically stable inpatients needing homologous or autologous RBC transfusions a single unit blood transfusion policy **shall be** adopted. Further RBC units shall be transfused after a thorough clinical reassessment of the patient.
- 5 When patients with thrombocytopenia, acquired platelet disorders, or disseminated intravascular coagulation undergo major elective surgery and clinically relevant bleeding or bleeding in vital organs is expected, a prophylactic transfusion of platelet concentrates is suggested. The transfusion threshold, timing and modality **shall be** established in cooperation with a transfusion medicine specialist.
- 6 Predeposit autologous blood donation programmes **shall be** carried out pursuant to the pertinent law in force\*.  
\* At the moment, predeposit autologous donation is indicated for: i) patients with rare erythrocyte phenotype or with complex alloimmunisations for whom it is difficult to obtain compatible homologous blood components; ii) donors of bone marrow haematopoietic stem cells; iii) children who are to undergo scoliosis surgery<sup>9</sup>.
- 7 The volume and frequency of blood samples for laboratory tests **shall be** minimised to prevent iatrogenic anaemia.



**Recommendation N. 4:** pre- intra- and post-operative period – In clinically stable inpatients needing (allogeneic or autologous) RBC transfusions a **single unit blood transfusion policy shall be adopted**. Further RBC units shall be transfused after a thorough clinical reassessment of the patient.





**UNA** TRASFUSIONE  
**UNA** DECISIONE CLINICA  
INDIPENDENTE

## LA VIA SEGUITA DALL'ITALIA COMINCIA DA 1

*Prescrivi 1 unità di sangue alla volta per ridurre il rischio di eventi avversi*

### PER TRATTARE L'ANEMIA NEL PAZIENTE STABILE NON EMORRAGICO:

1. Adotta il Patient Blood Management per gestire la risorsa sangue del tuo paziente
2. Quando c'è l'indicazione clinica trasfondi 1 sola unità per volta
3. Rivaluta il tuo paziente prima di trasfondere una seconda unità

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Per maggiori informazioni:  
[www.centronazionalesangue.it/pbm](http://www.centronazionalesangue.it/pbm)





## The right transfusion therapy

THE **RIGHT** TRANSFUSION?



1. THE RIGHT PATIENT



2. THE RIGHT INDICATION



3. THE RIGHT PRODUCT



4. **THE RIGHT DOSE**



5. THE RIGHT TIME



6. THE RIGHT ROUTE



7. THE RIGHT DOCUMENTATION



8. THE RIGHT RESPONSE

# Stay Single ... prescribe single units

Fremantle Hospital & Health Service 



Prescribing a single unit of blood may reduce the risk of an adverse event

In accord with the NHMRC guidelines a "ONE UNIT" policy will be implemented from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

- Only one unit of blood can be ordered if a patient is not actively bleeding.
- Only one unit will be issued at a time.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> unit will be issued if clinically indicated after the patient has been reviewed.
- Each unit transfused is an independent clinical decision.
- If requested the Haematology Department will be happy to provide advice on the appropriate management of anaemia



Authorised by Julie Tinney CMC Transfusion Med - July 2009 - Review July 2013

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Indications for second unit are:

- Active Blood loss
- Hb <70g/L
- Ongoing chest pain
- Less than 8g/L rise in Hb following first unit

If requested the Hematology Department will be happy to provided advice on the appropriate management of anaemia.



Delivering a Healthy WA

# **SINGLE** Unit Blood Transfusions reduce the risk of an adverse reaction

## Don't give two without review



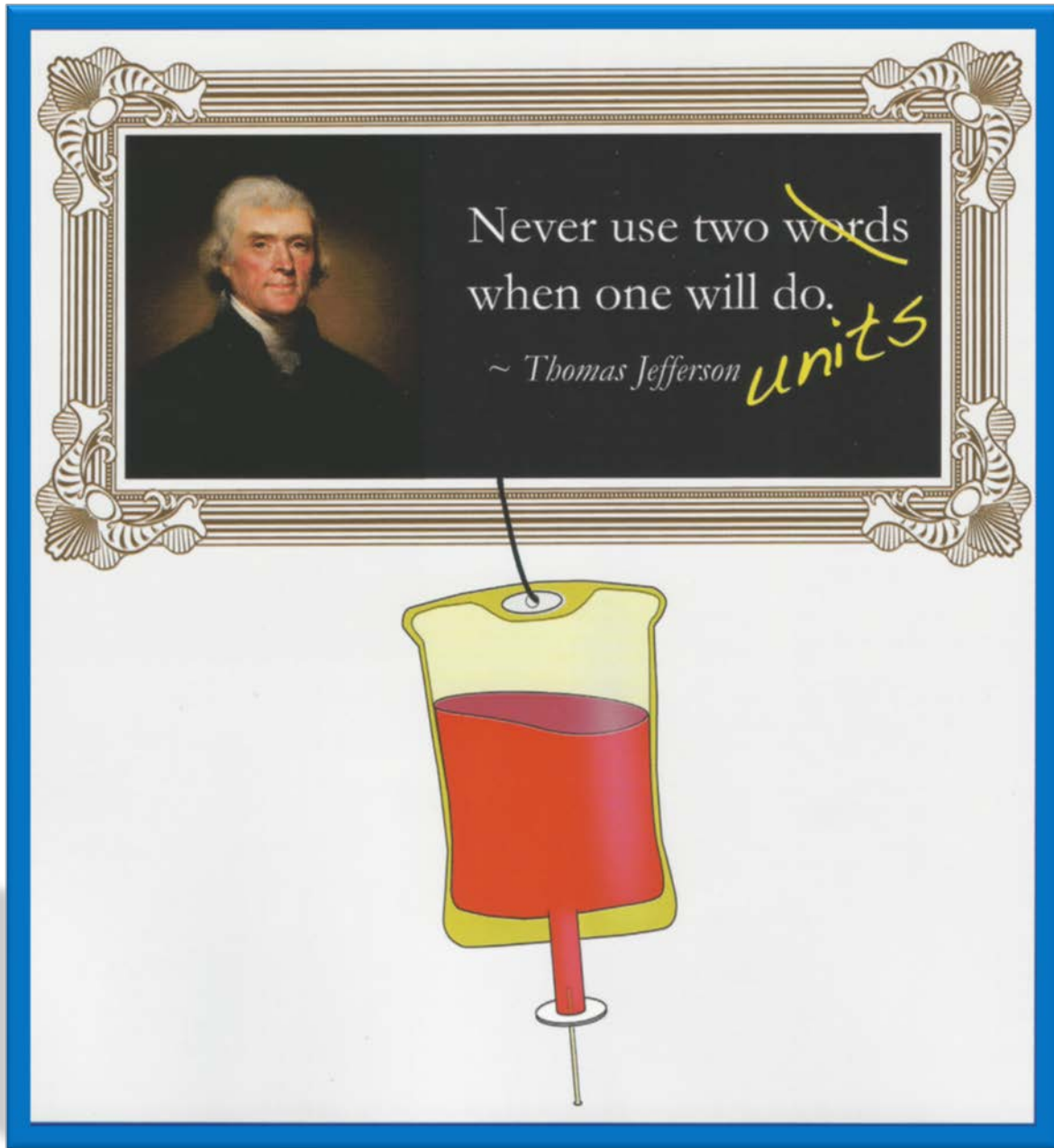
### THINK!

- Is your patient symptomatic?
- Is the transfusion appropriate?
- What is the haemoglobin trigger level?
- What is the patient's target haemoglobin level?

## Each unit transfused is an independent clinical decision

### DO!

- ✓ Clinically re-assess the patient after each unit transfused.
- ✓ Only one unit should be ordered for non-bleeding patients.
- ✓ Document the reason for Transfusion.<sup>1</sup>



# Platelets

**Don't use two...**



**...when one will do**

For prophylactic use in a 70kg adult, one adult therapeutic dose (ATD) typically gives an immediate rise in platelet count of

**20 - 40 x 10<sup>9</sup>/l**<sup>(1)</sup>

Do not administer double dose platelets for prophylactic transfusions as this practice does not decrease the risk of bleeding<sup>(2)</sup>

Request and administer one unit/ATD, then reassess your patient.

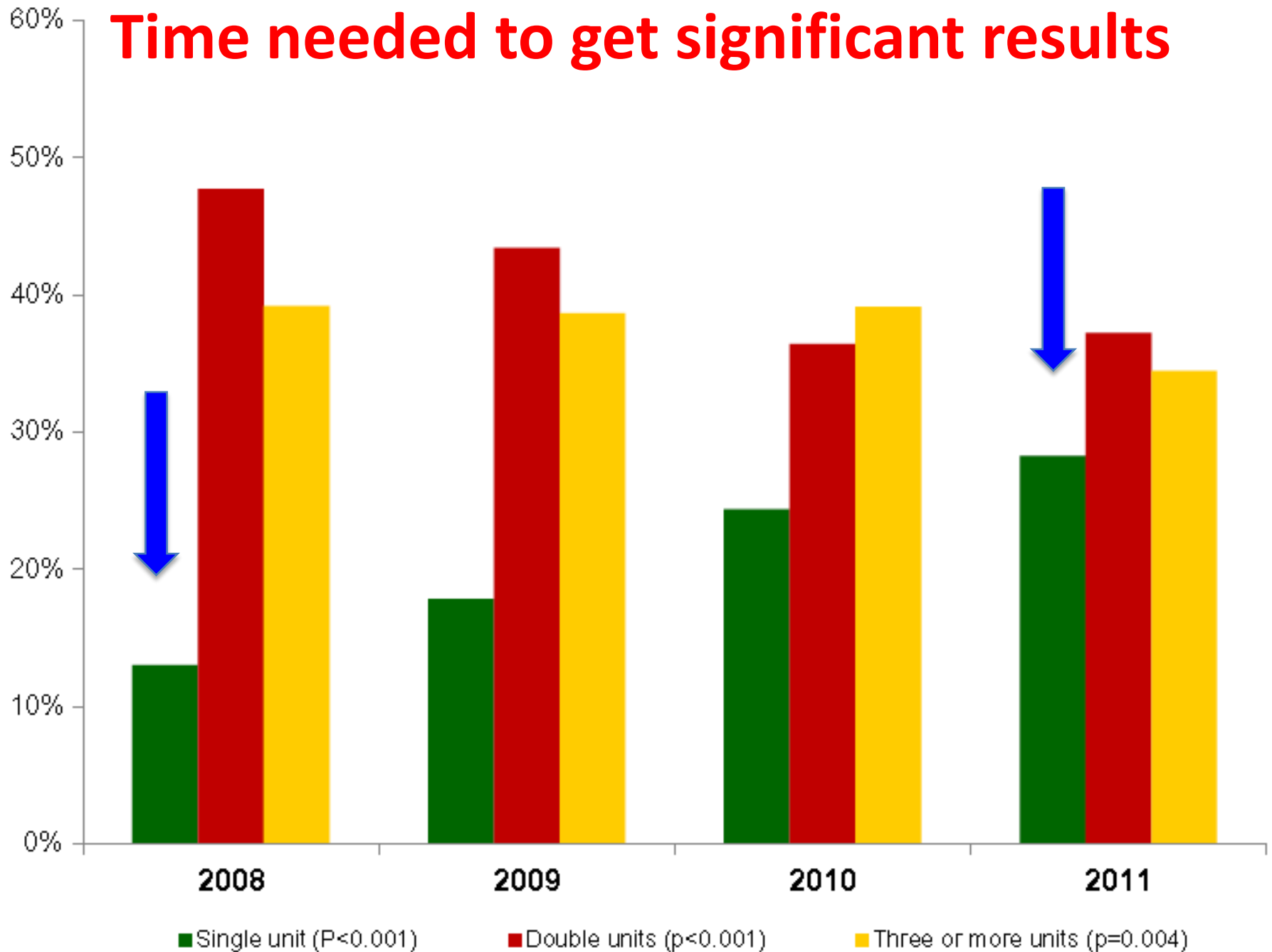
A platelet increment can be obtained 10 minutes after completion of the transfusion<sup>(3)</sup>

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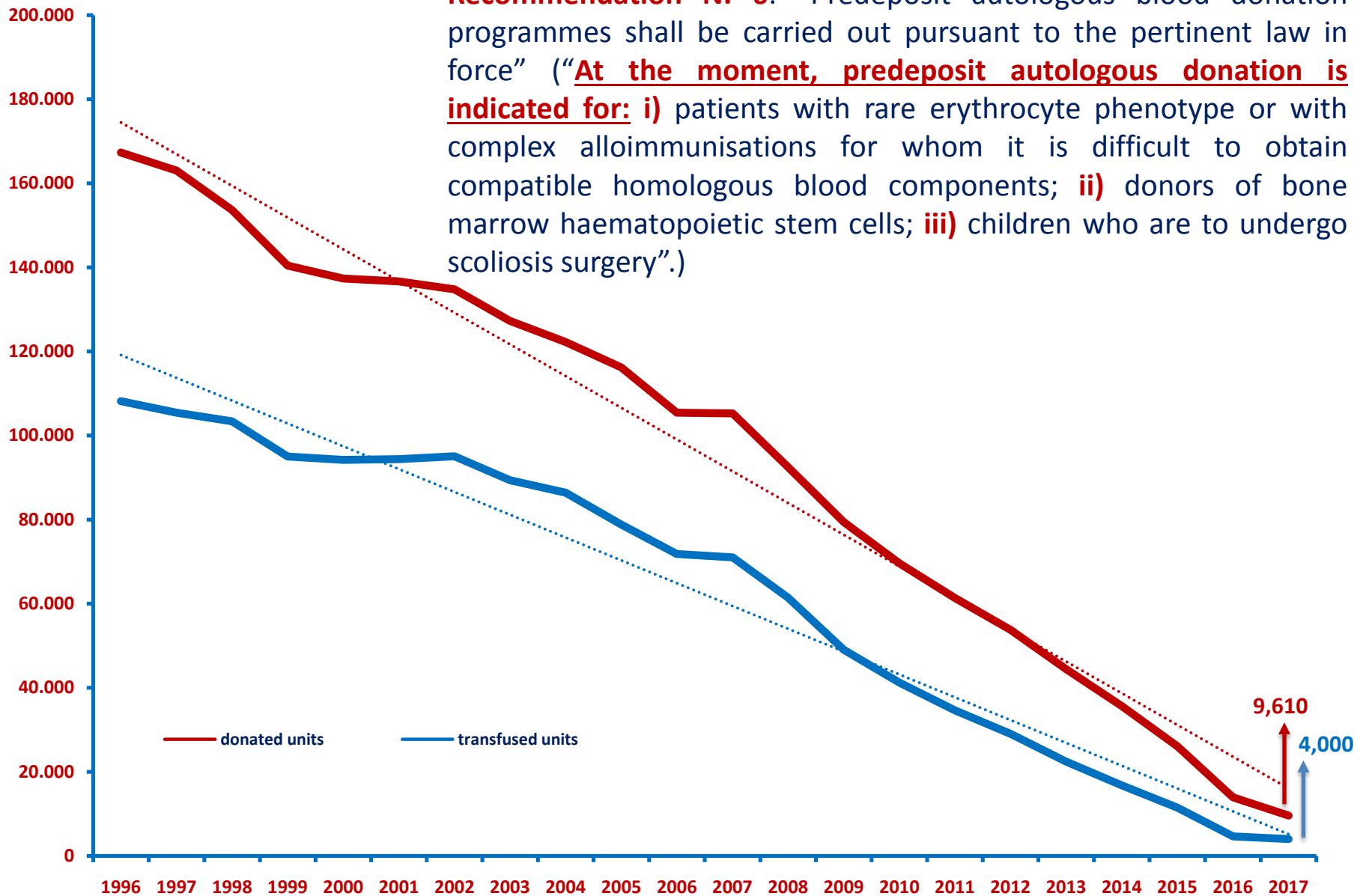
# Time needed to get significant results





# Autologous blood - Italy: 1996-2017

**Recommendation N. 6:** “Predeposit autologous blood donation programmes shall be carried out pursuant to the pertinent law in force” (“At the moment, predeposit autologous donation is indicated for: i) patients with rare erythrocyte phenotype or with complex alloimmunisations for whom it is difficult to obtain compatible homologous blood components; ii) donors of bone marrow haematopoietic stem cells; iii) children who are to undergo scoliosis surgery”.)



# Autologous whole blood units/total whole blood (%)

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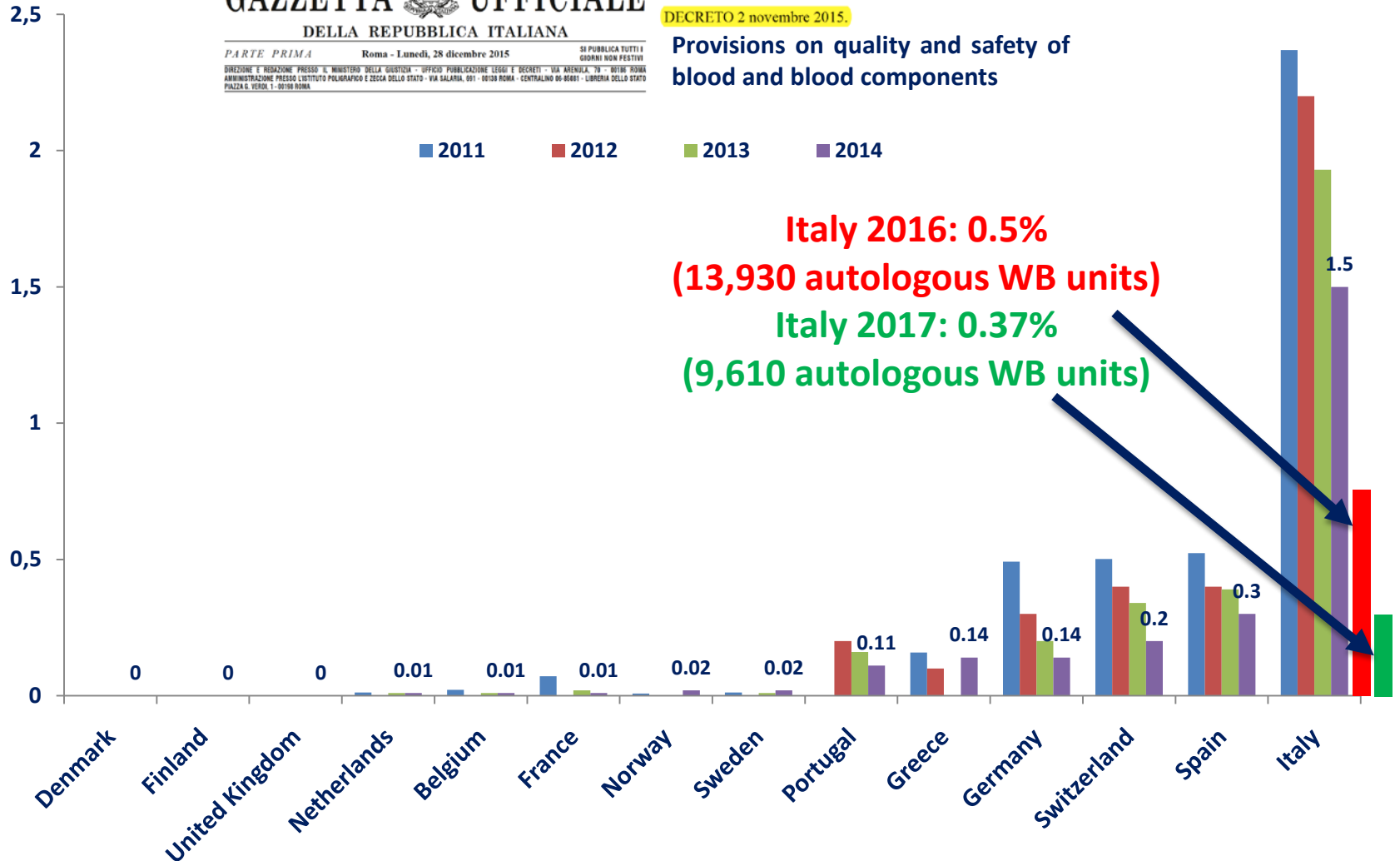
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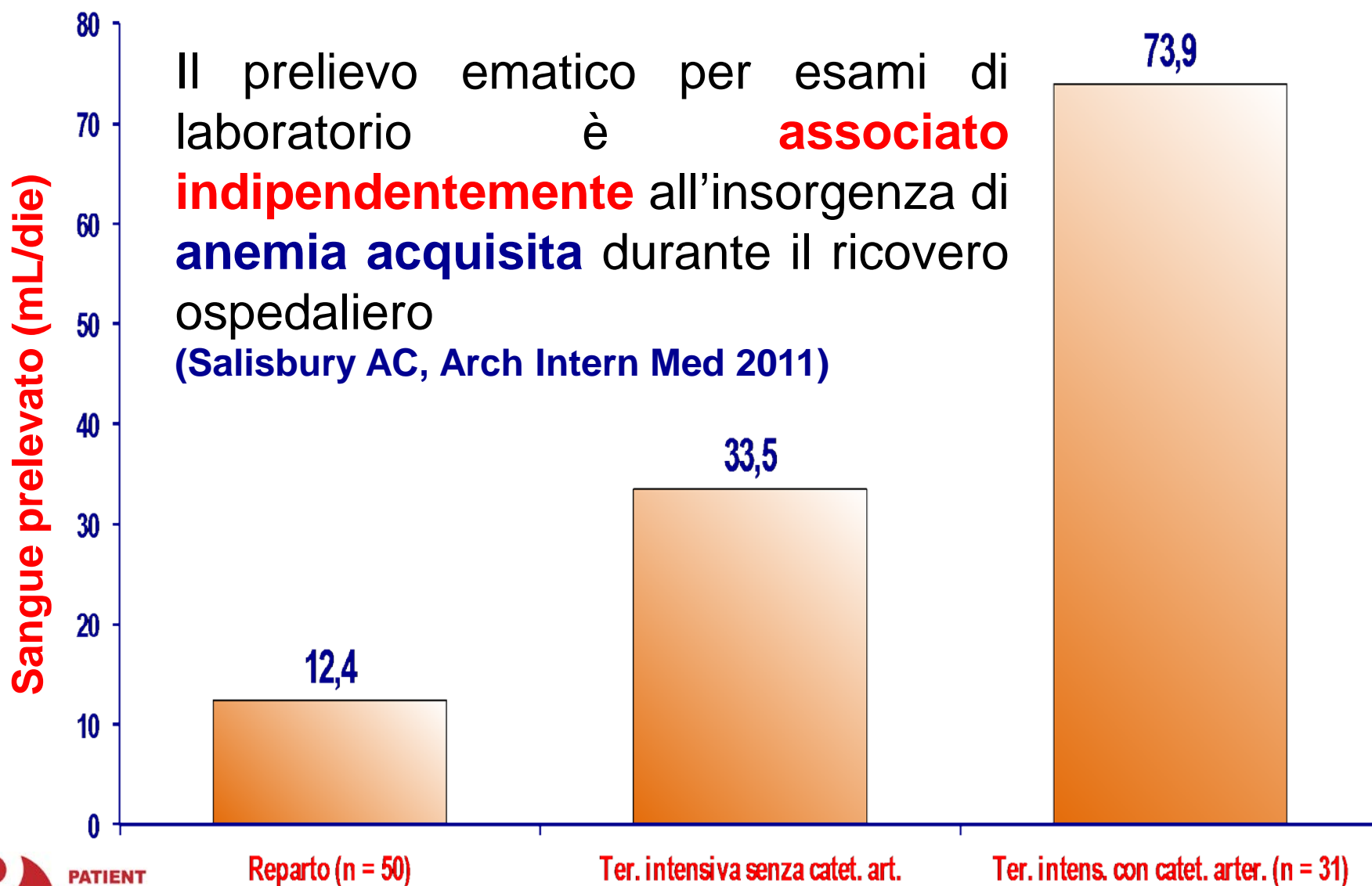
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Provisions on quality and safety of blood and blood components

% autologous whole blood units



# Anemizzazione da prelievo



# The Italian Regulatory Guidelines for the implementation of Patient Blood Management

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## Recommendations for the pre-operative period

- 8 The preparation of patients who are to undergo non-oncologic major elective surgery, and are expected to have clinically relevant peri-operative bleeding, foresees a careful pre-operative evaluation through clinical and laboratory investigations aimed at providing an exhaustive personal and family anamnesis, detecting anaemia (to minimise homologous RBC transfusion that can lead to a negative outcome), optimising erythropoiesis, identifying and managing bleeding risk as well as assessing and optimising their individual physiological tolerance of anaemia (through the evaluation of cardio-respiratory functional reserve when necessary), and identifying risk factors. The evaluation should be carried out at least 30 days before the planned date of the operation, in order to enable more detailed investigations and/or arrange appropriate treatment.
- 9 **It is recommended** that all adult patients who are candidates for elective major surgery for which a multidisciplinary programme of co-ordinated interventions has been established involving the adoption of pharmacological and non-pharmacological techniques aimed at optimising erythropoiesis, minimising blood losses and optimising tolerance of anaemia, before giving consent to one or more of the above-mentioned treatments, receive detailed information on their clinical state and strategies to limit homologous transfusion needs included in the local patient blood management programme; explanatory material prepared ad hoc by the hospital may be used for this purpose.
- 10 The haemoglobin (Hb) target value before elective major surgery **shall be** within the normal range according to World Health Organization (WHO) criteria.
- 11 Anaemia is defined according to Hb threshold values indicated by the WHO.
- 12 If a state of anaemia is detected, the subsequent laboratory tests **shall be** performed with the aim of identifying iron or other nutritional deficiencies (folic acid and/or vitamin B<sub>12</sub>), chronic kidney disease and/or chronic inflammatory disorders.
- 13 Since the pre-operative Hb value is the main, independent risk factor for an RBC transfusion, any nutritional deficiencies (iron, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, folate), once detected, **shall be** treated with haematinics.
- 14 In the event of iron deficiency being detected, when the oral administration of iron is ineffective or not tolerated, or when the elective major surgery is scheduled for less than four weeks after anaemia has been diagnosed, the intravenous administration of iron is suggested.
- 15 Following an appropriate evaluation, to avoid a functional deficiency of iron in patients during treatment with erythropoietic growth factor, it is suggested that intravenous iron be administered.
- 16 When the administration of intravenous iron is necessary, the utilisation of a single high-dose preparation for the repletion of iron in storage sites is suggested.

# Current misconceptions in diagnosis and management of iron deficiency

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1. Iron status can be easily evaluated and normal ferritin concentrations exclude iron deficiency
2. Non-anaemic iron deficiency does not require any intervention
3. Oral iron is "always" efficacious if patients tolerate high daily doses
4. The use of intravenous iron should be restricted to severe cases of anaemia
5. There is no need for re-assessment after iron repletion with intravenous iron
6. All intravenous iron formulations are alike
7. Intravenous iron is associated with a high risk of anaphylaxis
8. Premedication reduces infusion reactions during intravenous iron administration
9. Intravenous iron may increase the risks of infection and oxidative stress
10. No adjuvant iron is needed with erythropoiesis stimulating agent treatment if the ferritin level is normal

# Recommendations for the intra-operative period

- 17 As a pharmacological alternative to improve oxygen transport to correct bleeding-induced hypovolaemia, it is **recommended** that crystalloid or protein-free colloid solutions be used as first-line therapy, with albumin 5% solution as second-line therapy, when crystalloid or non-protein colloid solutions have already been used at maximum doses, without having produced an adequate clinical response, and when non-protein colloids are contraindicated.
- 18 With the purpose of containing intra-operative bleeding effectively during elective surgery, it is suggested that combinations of appropriate surgical techniques and instruments to reduce blood loss, minimise trauma to tissues and vessels and promote local haemostasis, which can also be aided by the local administration of vasoconstrictive drugs, be used.
- 19 With the aim of managing fluid therapy, preference should be given to continuous or semi-continuous haemodynamic monitoring based on the evaluation of flow rather than pressure.
- 20 It is suggested that intra-operative fluid administration protocols based on haemodynamic optimisation be adopted.
- 21 In patients who are to undergo surgery where clinically relevant bleeding is expected but who do not have risk factors for hypercoagulability in the preoperative anamnesis, the utilisation of tranexamic acid is suggested.
- 22 It is **recommended** that intra-operative blood recovery be used in major surgery in cases in which blood loss is expected to be at least 1,000 mL or in any case  $\geq 20\%$  of the patient's volaemia **despite adopting multimodal strategies**, including the use of pharmacological, surgical and anaesthesiological blood-conservation techniques, and intra-operative cell salvage.
- 23 It is **recommended** that point-of-care (POC) instruments be used for the non-invasive continuous measurement of Hb and haematocrit levels.
- 24 It is suggested that POC instruments be used for the overall monitoring of haemostasis with the purpose of managing clotting factor replacement therapy and limiting the use of transfusion with blood components in elective major heart surgery and all operations with a high risk of bleeding or in the presence of major bleeding.
- 25 In the presence of massive bleeding during elective major surgery and in association with the correction of the triggering cause, it is suggested that severe hypofibrinogenaemia ( $< 1$  g/L) which persists despite treatment with fresh-frozen plasma be treated with fibrinogen concentrate<sup>o</sup> or, if not available, with cryoprecipitate.
- 26 In the presence of massive bleeding during elective major surgery and in association with the correction of the triggering cause during massive transfusion, it is suggested that treatment with fibrinogen concentrate<sup>o</sup>, or if not available with cryoprecipitate, be considered to prevent the fibrinogen level from falling below 1 g/L, the critical threshold for haemostasis.
- 27 The administration of fibrinogen concentrate<sup>o</sup>, or if not available cryoprecipitate, is to be preferred to fresh-frozen plasma when there are contraindications to volume overloading.

<sup>o</sup> Currently, fibrinogen concentrate is not registered in Italy for this use.

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## Recommendations for the post-operative period

- 28 The utilisation of POC instruments for the non-invasive continuous measurement of Hb and haematocrit levels is suggested.
- 29 When the administration of iron is necessary, an intravenous therapy is recommended and where possible through the utilisation of a single high-dose preparation for the repletion of iron in storage sites.
- 30 Post-operative blood salvage is recommended only in cases where the post-operative blood loss is expected to be  $\geq 10\%$  of the patient's volaemia despite implementing multimodal strategies, including the integrated use of other pharmacological, surgical and anaesthesiological blood-conservation techniques.
- 31 When post-operative cell salvage is utilised, the use of blood-washing systems is to be preferred.
- 32 When using non-washing systems, it is suggested that the concentration of free Hb be determined before re-infusing the blood to ensure that the level of haemolysis is less than 0.8% of the red cell mass contained in the product transfused.

- In January 2017 the Health Ministry sent PBM (regulatory) guidelines to all Regions and Autonomous Provinces inviting them to ensure the compliance of hospitals and clinics
- The aim was to deliver effective therapies, to contain transfusion needs, to enhance healthcare and to reduce costs

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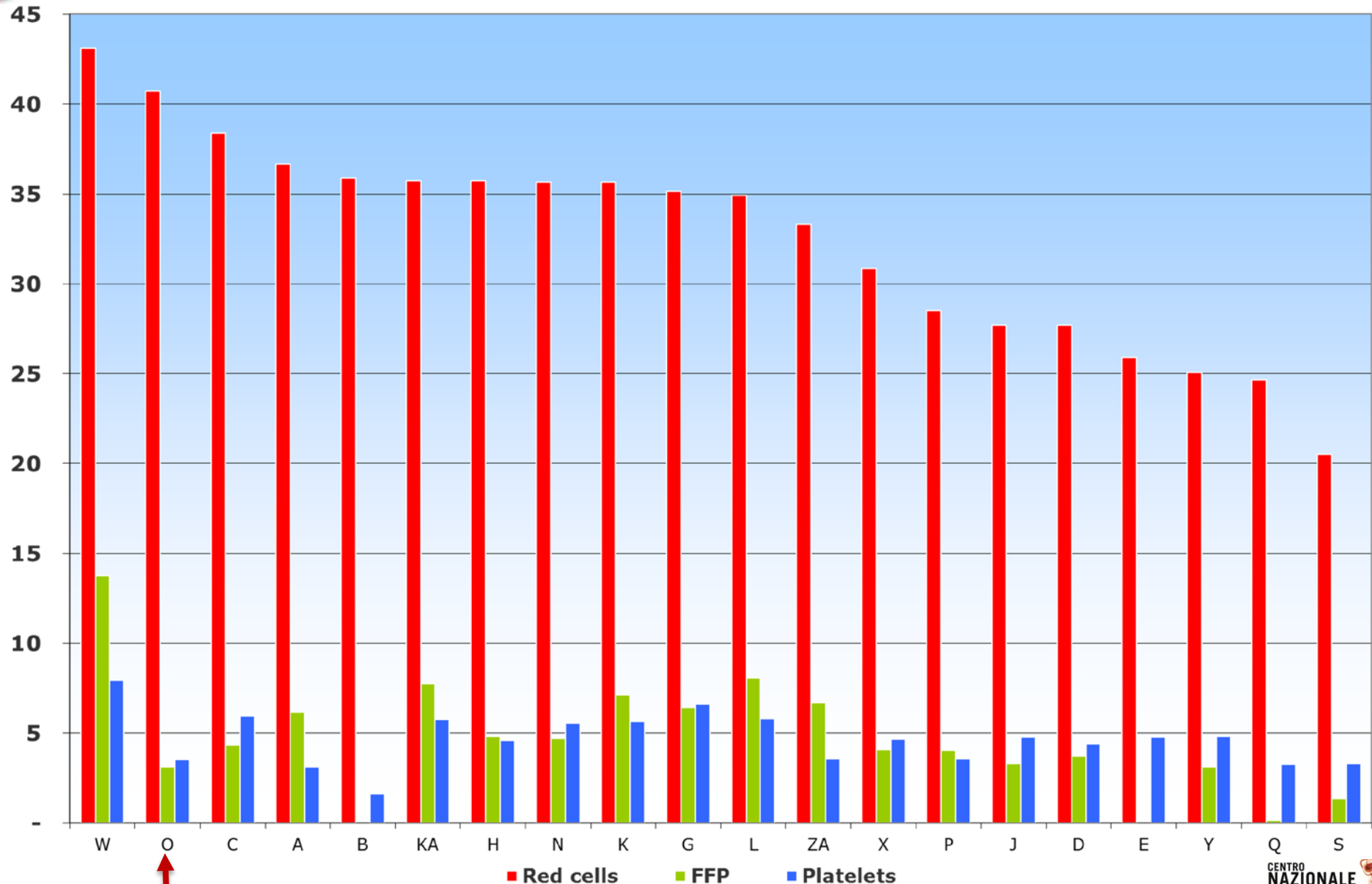
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La adozione delle linee guida di cui all'art. 25, comma 5 del Decreto del Ministro della salute del 2 novembre 2015<sup>8</sup>, finalizzate alla prevenzione della trasfusione evitabile mediante l'implementazione delle strategie e tecniche multidisciplinari e multimodali del PBM, costituisce un ulteriore elemento strategico ai fini del mantenimento dell'autosufficienza e ha un potenziale significativo impatto sul contenimento dei costi, non solo di quelli associati alla terapia trasfusionale. Il CNS, attraverso le SRC, monitorerà l'applicazione delle predette linee guida mediante indicatori all'uopo sviluppati.

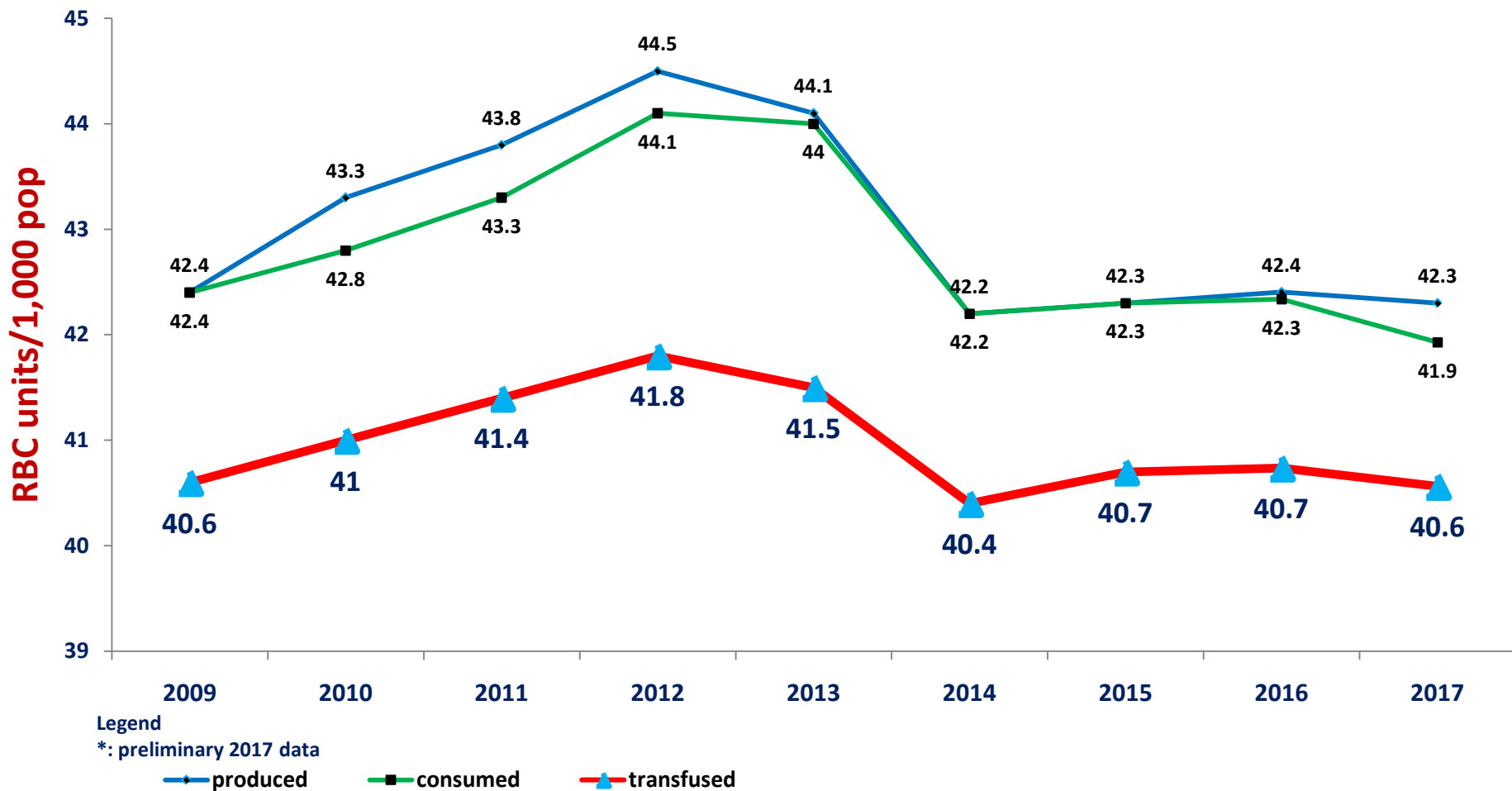
- The adoption of PBM regulatory guidelines.....
- Is a **strategy to maintain self-sufficiency** and has the potential to significantly contain **costs** and not only those associated to transfusion therapy
- The Italian National Blood Centre through the Regional Blood Centres will **monitor their application** with ad hoc performance indicators



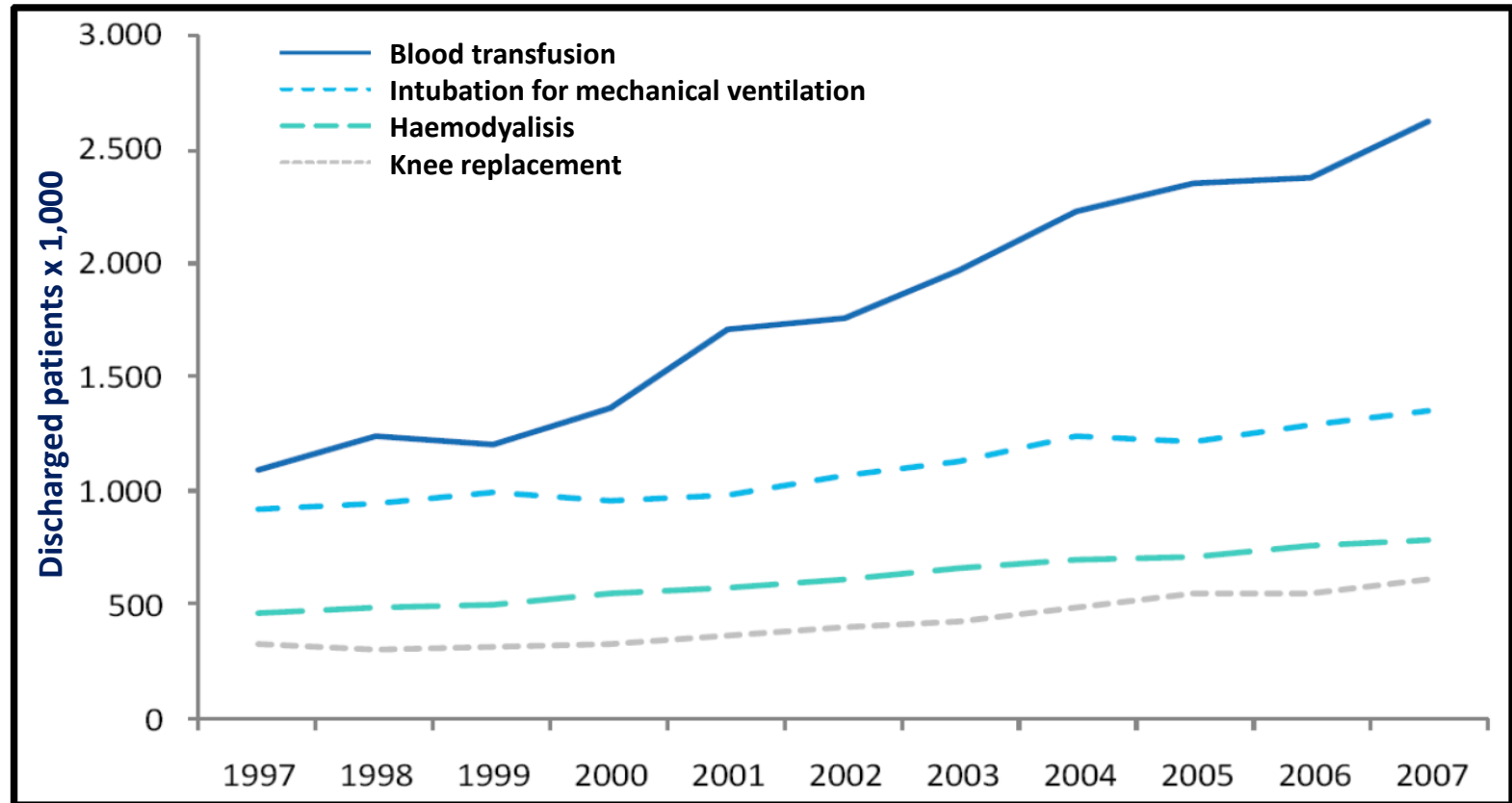
# Issues per 1,000 Population 2016 - (Italy: RBCs transfused)



# Red blood cell production, consumption and transfusion/1,000 pop: Italy 2009-2017



# Frequency of blood transfusion in hospitalised patients



**Patients transfused during hospitalisation: 1 out of 10**

# Increased hospital costs associated with red blood cell transfusion

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**TABLE 3. Top 10 adjusted DRGs with highest volume of acute-care inpatients transfused and adjusted incremental costs associated with RBC transfusion\***

Adjusted DRG family	Inpatients transfused RBCs	Adjusted cost <i>without</i> RBC transfusion	Adjusted cost <i>with</i> RBC transfusion	Adjusted incremental cost†
Q61–RBC disorders	430 (78.32)	2,524 (2,324-2,724)	4,626 (4,278-4,977)	2,102
I08–other hip and femur procedures	261 (35.75)	11,084 (10,590-11,577)	20,322 (19,341-21,302)	9,238
G46–complex gastroscopy	200 (51.15)	5,549 (5,160-5,938)	10,174 (9,452-10,897)	4,625
G47–other gastroscopy	189 (29.12)	4,110 (3,870-4,350)	7,536 (7,074-7,998)	3,426
I03–hip replacement	164 (20.50)	17,542 (16,758-18,327)	32,164 (30,544-33,785)	14,622
R61–lymphoma and nonacute leukemia	149 (36.17)	6,791 (6,173-7,409)	12,452 (11,278-13,625)	5,661
G02–major small and large bowel procedures	102 (21.21)	14,976 (14,012-15,939)	27,457 (25,553-29,361)	12,481
Q60–reticuloendothelial and immunity disorders	95 (33.45)	5,881 (5,347-6,415)	10,783 (9,787-11,779)	4,902
G61–GI hemorrhage	92 (25.34)	2,687 (2,515-2,859)	4,927 (4,555-5,260)	2,240
R60–acute leukemia	88 (65.67)	11,256 (9,193-13,320)	20,639 (18,860-24,417)	9,383

\* Data are reported as number (%) or mean (95% CI).

† Adjusted incremental costs are predicted values from the model. They represent the cost difference between a transfused inpatient and a nontransfused inpatient that were male, nonelective admissions to a teaching hospital with an average comorbidity score who were discharged home. Costs have been converted into US dollars (US\$).



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## Clinical trials evaluating red blood cell transfusion thresholds: An updated systematic review and with additional focus on patients with cardiovascular disease



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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Several new trials evaluating transfusion strategies in patients with cardiovascular disease have recently been published, increasing the number of enrolled patients by over 30%. The objective was to evaluate transfusion thresholds in patients with cardiovascular disease.

**Methods:** We conducted an updated systematic review of randomized trials that compared patients assigned to maintain a lower (restrictive transfusion strategy) or higher (liberal transfusion strategy) hemoglobin concentration. We focused on new trial data in patients with cardiovascular disease. The primary outcome was 30-day mortality. Specific subgroups were patients undergoing cardiac surgery and with acute myocardial infarction.

**Results:** A total of 37 trials that enrolled 19,049 patients were appraised. In cardiac surgery, mortality at 30 days was comparable between groups (risk ratio 0.99; 95% confidence interval 0.74–1.33). In 2 small trials (n = 154) in patients with myocardial infarction, the point estimate for the mortality risk ratio was 3.88 (95% CI, 0.83–18.13) favoring the liberal strategy. Overall, from 26 trials enrolling 15,681 patients, 30-day mortality was not different between restrictive and liberal transfusion strategies (risk ratio 1.0, 95% CI, 0.86–1.16). Overall and in the cardiovascular disease subgroup, there were no significant differences observed across a range of secondary outcomes.

**Conclusions:** New trials in patients undergoing cardiac surgery establish that a restrictive transfusion strategy of 7 to 8 g/dL is safe and decreased red cell use by 24%. Further research is needed to define the optimal transfusion threshold in patients with acute myocardial infarction.



# Association of Perioperative Red Blood Cell Transfusions With Venous Thromboembolism in a North American Registry

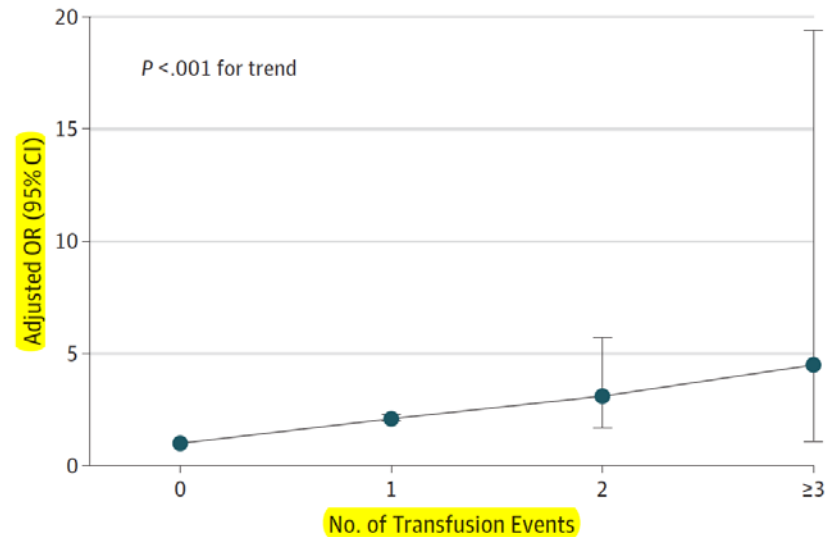
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## Key Points

**Question** What is the association between perioperative red blood cell transfusions and postoperative venous thromboembolism within 30 days of a surgical procedure?

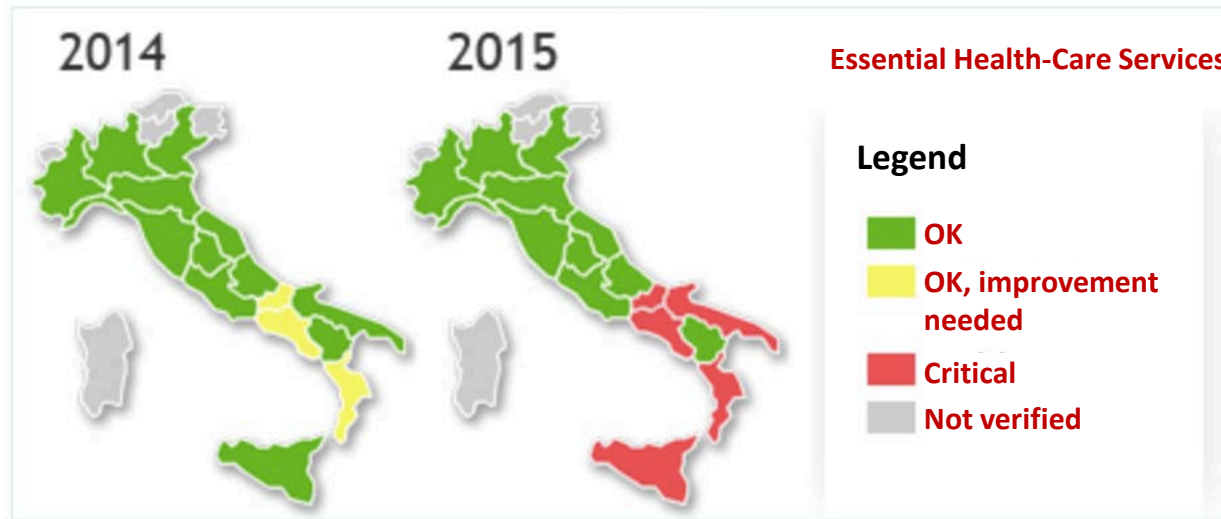
**Findings** In this registry study of **750 937** patients undergoing surgery, perioperative red blood cell transfusions (preoperative and intraoperative or postoperative) were **significantly associated with higher risk for venous thromboembolism**. The effect of this association was dose dependent, and the association remained robust with propensity score matching.

**Meaning** These findings should **reinforce the importance of rigorous perioperative patient blood management practices**.



Adjusted odds ratios (ORs) of 30-day postoperative venous thromboembolism with **increased number of red blood cell (RBC) events intraoperatively or postoperatively** vs no intraoperative or postoperative RBC transfusion are shown. The multivariable model was adjusted for age, sex, race, sepsis, length of stay, mechanical ventilation, disseminated cancer, body mass index, work-related relative value unit for the surgery (surrogate for complexity of surgery), and American Society of Anesthesiology severity class and functional status before surgery. Data were derived from the American College of Surgeons' National Surgical Quality Improvement Program database for 2014.

# Appropriate delivery of essential health-care services (EHCSs)



The Regions that appropriately deliver EHCSs receive an additional 2% of the **national health-care fund assigned to them**

# 2018 Performance Indicator

## APPOINTMENT OF THE HAEMOSTASIS & THROMBOSIS SPECIALIST

- “Patients with acquired or congenital coagulopathies and/or thrombocytopathies or positive bleeding anamnesis or those being treated with anticoagulants and/or anti-platelet drugs **shall be managed** in cooperation with haemostasis and thrombosis specialists”
- **As regards the initial implementation of PBM, hospitals are required to provide documentation related to the appointment of a haemostasis and thrombosis specialist for the management of the above-mentioned patients in pre-intra- and post-operative period**



# (Possible) future Performance Indicators

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY ANAEMIA CLINICS

- Setting up of **multidisciplinary** Anaemia Clinics which will act as **case manager** with the cooperation (at least) of the following specialists: transfusion medicine, haemostasis & thrombosis, clinical haematology, cardiology, anaesthesia, and **any other specialist needed** to treat patients undergoing elective surgery

# Possible future Performance Indicators

## REDUCTION OF RED BLOOD CELL TRANSFUSIONS

- Reduction of RBC transfusions in **hospitalised** patients

## REDUCTION OF AUTOLOGOUS BLOOD TRANSFUSION

- Reduction of autologous RBC transfusions in **hospitalised** patients

## Towards the implementation of patient blood management across Europe

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In conclusion, mirroring those of other non-European countries<sup>19,20</sup>, European governments should intervene directly, issuing regulatory actions and recommendations and providing resources to implement PBM programmes effectively. The Italian regulatory guidelines may represent an excellent model for inspiring how to pursue this objective.



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Measure It,  
You Can't  
Improve It

*(William Thomson, Lord Kelvin)*



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