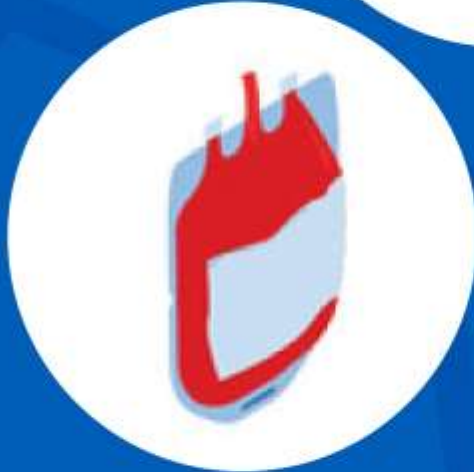


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Iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) means that you do not have enough iron in your red blood cells - iron is used by the red blood cells to carry oxygen around your body.

If your IDA is severe or you can't take iron tablets, it can be quickly treated by giving you an infusion of iron into a vein. This is a suitable alternative to blood transfusion for most people.

Ask your doctor if an iron infusion is an option for you.

This may prevent a blood transfusion.



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Patients with IDA should have their iron stores optimised before an operation.

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