

SINGLE Unit Blood Transfusions
reduce the risk of an adverse reaction

Don't give unit two without review

Before you transfuse your patient:

- What is your patient's current haemoglobin level?
- For an adult of 70–80 kg, one unit of red blood cells in additive solution increases Hb by approximately 10 g/L. For adults of low body weight, a calculation of 4 mL/kg of red blood cells in additive solution will achieve an approximate rise of 10 g/L.



Each unit transfused is an independent clinical decision

Clinically re-assess your patient after each unit is transfused.

- ✓ Is your patient still symptomatic?
- ✓ Is further transfusion appropriate?
- ✓ Monitor for signs of TACO.

Only order one unit at a time for non-bleeding patients.

Check haemoglobin level after each unit transfused.

Document the reason for the transfusion.