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Blood sampling in premature infants - Did you know?

Premature infants often receive more blood drawn for tests than they have total blood volume during their NICU stay!

This is why pediatric transfusion protocols are specially designed to minimize blood draws while maintaining critical monitoring.

More than 90% of extremely low birth weight infants (<1,000g) require at least one RBC transfusion during their NICU stay, with blood sampling losses being a major contributing factor.



What's one practice your team uses to reduce blood loss from lab testing in the NICU?

Share your tips for reducing transfusions while ensuring quality care — comment below!