

SWiFT is a research study that's looking at what's best to give people who are bleeding heavily because of an accident.

The patients in SWiFT are being treated by an Air Ambulance team.



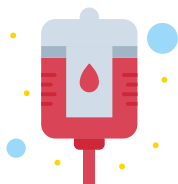
Current best practice is to give a mixture of red blood cells and plasma (the yellowish liquid in your blood that helps with blood clotting).

The SWiFT trial is comparing current best practice (red cells and plasma) with giving patients 2 units of whole blood. The whole blood contains platelets (small cells that help blood to clot) as well as red cells and plasma.

There may be some benefits to giving patients whole blood:

- it's quicker and easier for the Air Ambulance team to administer
- it could improve the survival of patients who are bleeding a lot because of the additional platelets

But we need to test it properly in a large clinical trial, before we can say for certain if it's better.



If your relative was involved in an accident, suffered major bleeding, and was treated by an Air Ambulance team, they may have participated in the SWiFT research study.

For more information please email the SWiFT team at: **swift@nhsbt.nhs.uk**
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<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/SWiFT>