The impact of an anaemia nurse led service: Not just surviving the symptoms

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Anaemia Service Aims

- Improve patient outcomes
- Best use of resources

- Reduce blood component usage (PBM)
- Capture all pre operative anaemia

- Better patient experience
- Income generation

Anaemia

- World Health Organisation (WHO) define anaemia as
 - Adult Male Hb < 130 g/L</p>
 - Adult Female < 120g/L (non pregnant) (WHO 2011)</p>

1. Pre operatively anaemia

- Increases chance of donor transfusion
- Increases length of stay
- Increases morbidity and mortality (BCSH 2015)
- Pre Anaesthetic Management Service (pre AMS)
- (Cardiothoracics)

Referring to the anaemia service

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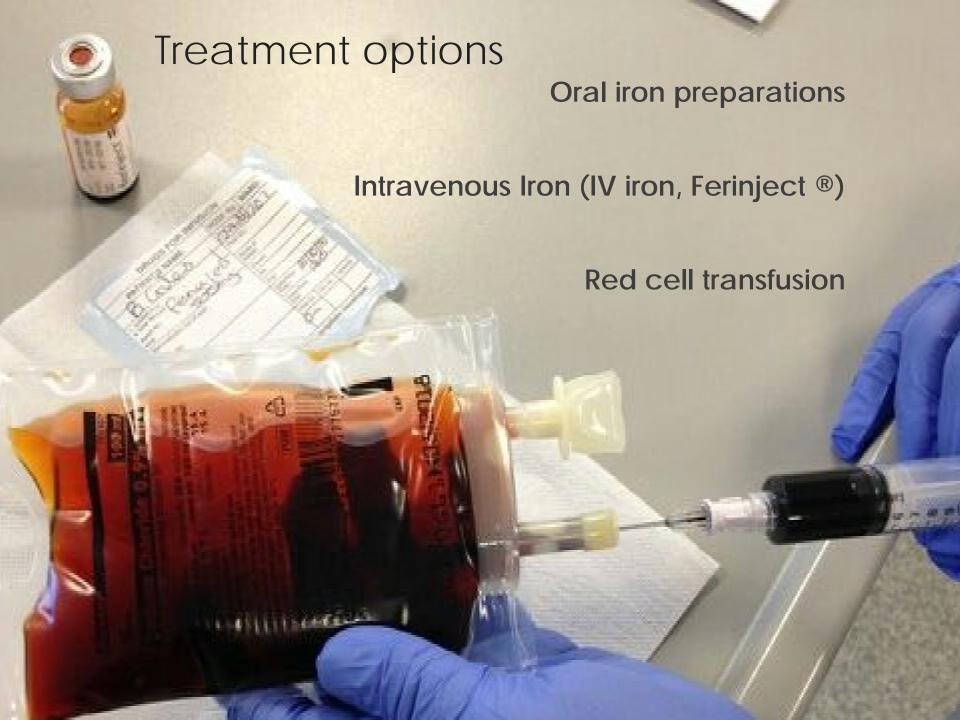
- Pre AMS
- Anaesthetists
- Cancer specialist nurses

Anaemia NP

- Triage results +/- consultant input
- Contact patient (phone) and/or GP (letter)
- Treat where appropriate/possible

Evaluation

- 4 weeks post treatment intervention
- 4-6 weeks post surgery





2. Congenital haemolytic anaemia

Anaemia Service - Providing care nearer to home

- Planned 2 weekly + SOS
- Remote follow up sampling + phone
- Symptom control Community transfusion
- Direct access to Anaemia Team
- Emergency access to dedicated haematology emergency admissions unit (EAU)

Anaemia Service - Improving quality of life

Fewer unplanned admissions

Reduced severity of symptoms as treated earlier

Personal benefits



Anaemia - Better for families

- Planned (individual) + SOS
- Remote follow up sampling + phone
- Symptom control IVFe +/- Transfusion
- Joint OPA haem/ENT
- Direct access to Anaemia Team
- Emergency access to dedicated haematology emergency admissions unit (EAU)

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What next?

Expansion of the Anaemia Service
Highlighting the impact that IDA has on peoples lives

Provide a robust education program Trust wide Demonstrate how providing effective and appropriate follow up can be life changing

Audit database

What next?

Roll out the CO3 Policy for the Trust to include alternatives to blood transfusions Training – to include Corporate Induction, Ward and Emergency portals based training.

Provide the service to Obstetrics, Cardiothoracics and A+E

