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**OBJECTIVE**

To ensure the appropriate clinical management by Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) staff for the treatment of children in need of alternative blood replacement therapy.

The provisions of this protocol are in addition to those set out in 1.2.6 protocol 1 Refusal of Blood Products - Standards.

**STANDARDS TO BE MET**

**1. Understanding Regarding Refusal of Blood Transfusion For Minors**

- 1.1. The patients / guardians of all minor patients who are admitted to the hospital and on whose behalf a refusal for blood transfusion is signed must be approached and informed of the contents of the “Understanding Regarding Refusal of Blood Transfusion for Minors” form. Parents / guardians must be encouraged to read and sign this form.
- 1.2. If they refuse to sign the form then the fact that they were informed on its content must be fully documented in the patient’s health record.

**2. Non-Urgent Intervention**

- 2.1 In the case of children, where the parents or guardians refuse consent to transfuse or inject blood components or products that are assessed intervention is necessary to save life or prevent permanent injury or prolonged and avoidable pain and suffering, the Consultant responsible must be informed immediately and will take timely action through the office of the Chief Medical Officer and / or Medical Director to arrange appropriate discussion of further action.
- 2.2 The action may involve a meeting of the Chief Medical Officer and / or Medical Director (or delegated Deputy) with the Consultant and a lawyer to discuss the need for legal action. If court action is deemed necessary, the parents must be kept fully informed and, in most cases, an inter partes hearing may be appropriate.

**3. Emergency Intervention**

- 3.1 When a true emergency arises the terms of the Understanding Regarding Refusal of Blood Transfusion for Minors will be applied and the child will be transfused as necessary.
- 3.2 When this occurs all possible support will be offered to the family.


**REFERENCES**

- [New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990](#)
- [Medicines Act 1981](#)
- [Care of Children Act 2004](#)

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.6 Refusal of Blood Products
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.6 protocol 1 Refusal of Blood Products Standards

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- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.6 protocol 3 Refusal of Blood Products - Trauma or Acute Bleeding Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.6 protocol 4 Refusal of Blood Products - Elective Surgery Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.1.1 Informed Consent
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 1.2.5 Jehovah's Witness Patients
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Informed Consent form (7752)
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.B2.1 Blood Products - Understanding Regarding Refusal of Blood Products for Minors
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.H1.1 Health Care Directive
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Form FM.J1.1 Jehovah's Witness Patients - Providing Care Information Sheet

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