



SA Blood Management Council

Terms of Reference

1.	DEFINITION	This Committee is the peak advisory body on blood sector matters in South Australia.
2.	ROLE AND FUNCTION	<p>To advise on appropriate clinical management and safe, cost-effective use of blood and blood products and emergency management preparedness within the South Australian public and private health sectors, in accordance with National guidelines, the National Blood Agreement and the National Blood Contingency Plan, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Providing statewide clinical governance oversight of, and direction to, blood sector programs and the implementation of new and revised policies and strategies to ensure the best practice use and stewardship of blood and blood products; ➤ Acting as a steering group for statewide project proposals, including consideration of revised methods of provision of services, so as to improve their efficiency and safety, particularly in regards to anaemia and patient blood management developments; ➤ Providing advice to blood sector stakeholders on current and emerging issues arising through national blood sector committees and the National Blood Authority, including advice on emergency management preparedness; ➤ Providing clinical oversight of blood sector user groups, working parties, subcommittees and projects; ➤ Providing subject matter expert input into the retrospective review of haemovigilance events, when referred by the Safety and Quality Operational Committee or other relevant party. ➤ Ensuring effective communication links are maintained across public, private and primary health care sectors in relation to blood matters; ➤ Endorsing key performance targets for health services, as recommended by product user groups, in relation to therapeutic use of and discard of blood and blood products; ➤ Providing clinical guidance and governance advice to transfusion committees; ➤ Reviewing health service performance, monitoring of new developments, reporting and research in relation to the blood sector; and ➤ Acting in an advisory capacity to the Department in regards to new and existing providers seeking access to products provided under the National Blood Arrangements in accordance with national and local stewardship expectations.
3.	MEMBERSHIP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SA Department for Health and Wellbeing Senior Health Sector Executive or Clinician (CHAIR) Director, Blood Organ & Tissue Programs Clinical Information Analyst, Blood Organ & Tissue Programs Principal Consultant, Blood Organ & Tissue Programs 2. Health Care Professionals from one or more of the following specialties: Anaesthesia, Critical Care, Haematology, Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Pathology/Medical Science 3. BloodSafe Program: BloodSafe Medical Advisor or BloodSafe Nursing Advisor Statewide Patient Blood Management Nurse Consultant/s 4. SA Health Regional Nominees from Transfusion Committees 5. Project and Administrative Secretariat Statewide Patient Blood Management Nurse Consultant/s
4.	OPERATING GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee will meet 3 times per annum. Extraordinary meetings will be held at the discretion of the Chair. • Proxies will be accepted and must be notified to the secretariat prior to the meeting. • Expert advisors can be co-opted to the committee as required at the discretion of the Chair. • Agenda will be determined and distributed 5 working days prior to the meeting. • Minutes will be kept and distributed to members 4 weeks after the meeting is held.
5.	REPORTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports to SA Health Portfolio Executive via the SA Health Safety and Quality Strategic Governance Committee • Has strategic oversight of the BloodSafe Steering Committee, Immunoglobulin Therapy Advisory Group and Haemophilia Treatment Network (exception reporting)