Adult Major Transfusion Protocol

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Trauma

Major trauma AND, despite volume resuscitation, Senior clinician suspicion of major haemorrhage OR ≥ 2 of:

- Penetrating injury
- · FAST scan positive for intra-abdominal fluid
- HR > 120 beats/minute
- SBP < 90 mmHg

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Non-Trauma

Surgical or medical major haemorrhage (NOT OBSTETRIC) defined as **any of**:

- > 150 ml/min blood loss
- Loss of half the circulating volume in < 2 hours
- Rapid blood loss leading to haemodynamic compromise despite volume resuscitation

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Essential Actions

- Physical methods to stop bleeding
- Take at least FBC, INR, Group & Save, Cross-Match, ABG & ROTEM, fibrinogen
- Involve appropriate specialists for definitive management
- · Reverse anticoagulants: Octaplex for Warfarin
- For DOACs liaise with on-call Haematology consultant
- Tranexamic acid 1g in Trauma (if within 3 hours) and non-trauma except GI bleed
- Assign a person to liaise with Transfusion and provide patient details

Targets

Blood Pressure

- Systolic BP 80 100 mmHg
- In traumatic brain injury: mean BP ≥ 80 mmHg

Full Blood Count

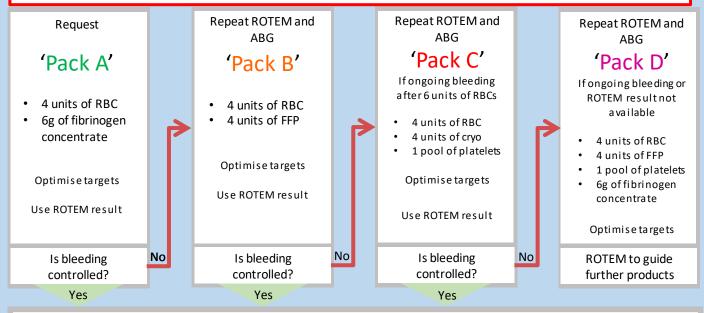
- Hb 90-100 g/L
 Platelets > 100 x 10⁹
- Fibrinogen > 2 g/L

- Metabolic
- Prevent hypothermia
 iCa²⁺>1.0 mmol/L
- pH > 7.20

ROTEM

- FIBTEM A5 > 10 mm
- EXTEM A5 > 35 mm
- CT < 85 seconds

The administering team are responsible for arranging collection of products from transfusion lab



Stand down, inform Transfusion, liaise with porters to return unused blood products

For information on interpreting ROTEM results, see separate 'ROTEM interpretation' prompt card