

AUDIT from 15th October 2018 – 15th January 2019

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The Benefits of Placental Transfusion

PRETERM INFANTS

1. Higher blood pressure, reduced need for inotropic support
2. Reduced need for blood transfusion
3. Reduced rates of NEC
4. Reduced rates of IVH
5. No adverse effects on neurodevelopment
6. **30% reduction in in-hospital mortality**

TERM INFANTS

1. Better adaptation after birth
2. Increased iron stores
3. **Better neurodevelopment at 4 years of age**

Best of all – it is FREE and recommended by WHO

For more information on Placental Transfusion see the following:

1. Fogarty D et al. Delayed vs Early Umbilical Cord Clamping for preterm infants. AJOG 2017; doi:10.1016/ajog.2017.10.231 [https://www.ajog.org/article/S0002-9378\(17\)31439-4/fulltext](https://www.ajog.org/article/S0002-9378(17)31439-4/fulltext)
2. McDonald SJ et al. Effect of timing of umbilical cord clamping of term infants on maternal and neonatal outcomes. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; 2013. <http://cochranelibrary-wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD004074.pub3/abstract;jsessionid=7DB75A8EFDB72AB6F7027EFAEC1A658D.f03t02>
3. "How to" teaching video: www.cordclamping.org/Explain

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