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| Blood Matters strategic plan |
| 2023-2024 |
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## Goal

Blood Matters through a collaborative approach, underpinned by the Victorian Department of Health’s values, vision and priorities [Our priorities | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/department-of-health-operational-plan-2022-23/our-priorities) will support and promote best practices in quality care, clinical safety, and blood management (sustainable, responsible, safe and appropriate use), for improved patient outcomes in Victoria.

## Strategic direction

Use innovative and diverse approaches to:

* promote and support the development of strategies that optimise appropriate use of blood, blood products, or alternatives, and person-centred care through national and local governance frameworks and standards
* foster and strengthen partnerships and stakeholder relationships
* analyse data and disseminate findings across the sector to raise awareness, influence practice, promote efficiencies and equity of care, and provide value
* provide and promote expert knowledge sharing and collaboration across the sector, including specific initiatives, tools and specialised advice.

Strategic framework (2023-2024)

| Strategic direction | Core process for delivery | Outcome framework | Key results |
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| Promote and assist with the development of strategies that optimise appropriate use of blood, blood products, or alternatives, and person-centred care through national and local governance frameworks and standards | Education  Promotion  Data collection/analysis  Advice/support/influence | Assist with the implementation of the clinical practice guidelines and standards in health services through education, workshops, audit review and recommendations (clinical and scientific community)  Keep up to date with advances in the field and the potential impacts to practice (conferences, journal reading/club, workshops/webinar, meetings etc)  Monitor blood component management and waste  Assist with, and continue to promote the implementation of subcutaneous immunoglobulin (SCIg) access  Promote optimal blood management in line with relevant standards and guidelines |  |
| Foster and strengthen partnerships and stakeholder relationships | Collaboration  Education  Communication & promotion  Participation | Blood Matters Advisory Committee (BMAC) – Conduct annual reviews of membership with Chair and Blood Pharmaceuticals Organ and Tissue Donation Program (BPOTDP)  Promote and facilitate education sessions/workshops  Conduct audits and publish results  Compile, review and promote audit tools on webpages  Collate and publish STIR annual reports and quarterly Bulletins  Collate and communicate individualised health service STIR and audit reports  Facilitate   * Blood Management/Transfusion Nurse (BMN/TN)/Transfusion Trainer (TT)/Transfusion Safety Officer (TSO) Forums * Blood management forums for scientists * Forums for SCIg community of practice   Attend and participate in meetings/conferences  Continue collaboration with internal and external partners  Continue to promote the program and role of BMN/TN/TT/TSO through   * Mentoring * Consultation * Communication with stakeholders * Ongoing interaction with and support of BMN/TN/TT/TSO network   Participate in relevant societies/colleges such as Australian and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion, International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) and others as appropriate |  |
| Analyse data and disseminate findings across the sector to raise awareness, influence practice, promote efficiencies and equity of care, and provide value | Data collection/analysis  Communication  Advice/support/influence | Develop/promote data collection/audit that responds to sector requirements  Use data to inform strategies and activities for safety, quality, blood management and innovation  Collect and analyse STIR data and publish reports (annual and six monthly)  Conduct clinical audits as decided with BMAC  Support and promote the implementation of subcutaneous immunoglobulin (SCIg) access programs |  |
| Provide and promote expert knowledge sharing and collaboration across the sector, including specific initiatives, tools and specialised advice | Collaboration  Communication  Feedback/advice/support/influence | Maintain and update Blood Matters webpages:   * tools and resources available to assist health services comply with standards/guidelines * repository for reports and information to assist practice * up to date network contact list.   Provide feedback to government through:   * Jurisdictional Blood Committee (JBC) – document review and feedback, membership on working parties as required/requested   National Blood Authority (NBA) committee membership/consultation and feedback   * National Haemovigilance Committee * National Patient Blood Management Advisory Committee * BloodSafe eLearning Australia Reference group * Department of Health (BPOTDP), Victorian Health Incident Monitoring system (VHIMS), Safer Care Victoria (SCV) and other government departments as required.   Promote and expand Lifeblood relationships:   * Transfusion Medicine Services (including registrars) * Pathology and Clinical Governance * Marketing * Other Lifeblood business units.   Continue collaboration with the private sector  Continue interactions with Victorian Blood User Group – report and provide feedback on:   * Program activities such as education, audit reports and recommendations, STIR reporting, sector/product/practice changes and webpage updates.   Consultation as requested by and to JBC, NBA, colleges and societies. |  |

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