



Welsh Blood Service  
Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru

# Non-medical Authorisation of Blood Transfusion (NABT)

## Who Benefits?

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# History of Non medical Authorisation of Blood component Transfusion (NABT)



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- 2005 amendment of 1968 Medicines Act which reclassified blood products as human tissue and consequently cannot be 'prescribed'.
- Chief Nursing Officer for Wales supported course set up.
- Medical and Nursing Directors 'sign-up'
- Steering group
- Representative working group
  - Health Boards: Abertawe Bro Morgannwg, Aneurin Bevan, Cardiff and Vale
  - Haematology, Renal Medicine, ITU/PICU, Pharmacy, Transfusion Laboratory, Welsh Government

# Overview of Course



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- Identify the need within the specific clinical context
- Ensure support in the Health Board
- Registered nurse or pharmacist agreed
- Medical mentor assigned
- Access accredited learning – 10 study days, clinical case studies, clinical assessments, MCQ and 3000 narrative account.
- Assessment and certification
- Formal sign-off with employing Health Board
- Service delivery

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## Restriction

- Not designed to be emergency back up.

## Areas for Development

- Slow to be recognised in some Health Boards.
- Anxiety of NABT practitioners

## Support

- Medical mentor
- From whole clinical team
- Peer support group

## Who Benefits?

- Patients.....Clinicians.....Service

## What next.....

- Another cohort have just completed course
- Next group about to commence
- Continued research and review of patient benefits
- Key Performance Indicators

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