



# Questions about blood transfusion and blood donation? We want to hear from you!

## Who can take part?

### *Patients, carers, and healthcare professionals*

If you have ever had a blood transfusion, or need one; have been, or are, a blood donor; are a family member, or carer, of someone who has had, or needs, a blood transfusion; have an interest in strategies to avoid blood transfusions, including from the Jehovah's Witness community; or work as a health or social care professional involved with blood transfusion or donation . . . ***we want to hear from you.***

## Why should I take the survey?

The **Blood Transfusion and Blood Donation** survey will - for the first time - identify your most pressing unanswered questions about the therapeutic use of red blood cells, platelets and plasma in patients of any age and in any hospital department, across the whole clinical pathway from blood donation through to recovery from transfusion, as well as treatment strategies that provide alternatives to using blood. This will ensure that future research can be prioritised according to the needs of patients, carers and health professionals.

This exciting initiative will be overseen by The James Lind Alliance, a non-profit making organisation funded by the National Institute for Health Research, ensuring the exercise produces an unbiased result, with equal weighting given to the views of the different participating groups. So whether your interest is personal or professional ... your opinions will count.

## How do I take part?

The survey is available at <http://tinyurl.com/h6jf52l> or contact the James Lind Alliance Project Manager at the Oxford Biomedical Research Centre to request a paper version (voicemail 01865 223298, e-mail [sandra.regan@ouh.nhs.uk](mailto:sandra.regan@ouh.nhs.uk)).

***The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, so please take this opportunity to influence future research in this important area.***

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