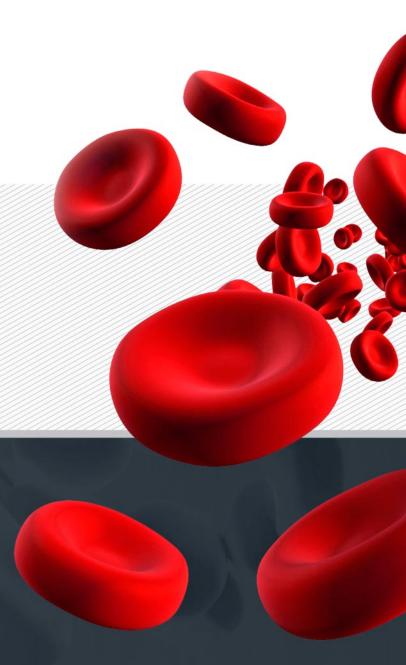


## Launch of the Patient Blood Management Guidelines

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## Blood - a precious resource

- In Australia, 1 in 3 people will need blood sometime in their life but only 1 in 30 donate.
- In 2012-13, the Blood Service needs to collect around
  1.4 million donations, and this is growing each year.
- Blood transfusions are a recognised life-saving part of medical treatment, they can also be associated with adverse events and poorer outcomes for some patient groups. Some evidence suggests that up to 1 in 5 blood transfusions may not have been necessary.



## Official launch of the Guidelines

