



Patient Blood Management Guideline on Critical Bleeding update: Join a reference group helping improve care for consumers experiencing critical bleeding.

National Blood Authority

What's this about?

In 2023, the National Blood Authority released a patient blood management guideline on critical bleeding. The guideline supports clinicians who provide immediate in-hospital care to adults with, or who are at risk of, critical bleeding resulting in major haemorrhage (severe bleeding).

New research continues to emerge, and the guideline needs to be reviewed so it stays accurate, useful, and aligned with best practice. The guideline will be fully updated to support safer, more effective care for consumers, by ensuring consumer needs, values, and experiences are reflected throughout the guideline and its recommendations.

The update will take place over **two years (2027–2029)** using a “living guideline” approach. This means the guideline will be reviewed and improved as new evidence becomes available.

The National Blood Authority is recruiting **two consumer representatives** to be part of a **Clinician/Consumer Reference Group (CRG)** who will update the patient blood management guideline on critical bleeding to reflect current evidence and best practice.

***Critical bleeding** means a person is losing a large amount of blood very quickly, and their life is at risk. It requires urgent emergency care, and the decisions made in those moments can have long-term impacts on recovery, rehabilitation, communication, and overall quality of life.*

Learn more

- [Patient Blood Management](#)
- [Current Patient Blood Management Guideline for Adults with Critical Bleeding \(2023\)](#)
- [National Blood Authority](#)
- About Living Evidence and Living Guidelines:
 - [Living Evidence](#)
 - [Living Guidelines Handbook](#)

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What's the opportunity?

The Clinician/Consumer Reference Group (CRG) members will:

- Help identify and prioritise the questions the guideline should address.
- Provide a consumer perspective and insight throughout the process.
- Contribute to discussions that inform the development of clinical practice recommendations to ensure the revised standard is evidence-based and reflects consumer (including carer and family) priorities.

The role of the two CRG Consumer Representatives are to:

- Participate in discussions by contributing lived experience and broader patient/family perspectives to help shape the guideline update.
- Review draft documents and evidence summaries, providing feedback on clarity, relevance, and whether the content reflects what is important to patients experiencing critical bleeding.
- Help identify and prioritise key questions the guideline should address to make sure the outcomes valued by consumers are considered (e.g., recovery, rehabilitation, long-term quality of life, communication during emergencies).
- Collaborate with clinicians, researchers, and technical experts, offering insights that support patient-centred decision-making throughout the guideline development process.
- Provide feedback on draft guideline recommendations and updates.

Note:

- CRG Consumer Representatives will be offered training in the methodology used to assess evidence for the guideline update.

Who should apply?

You're encouraged to apply if you:

- Have lived experience of critical bleeding as an adult consumer or carer of someone who has experienced a critical bleeding event as an adult (e.g., major trauma, gastrointestinal haemorrhage, obstetric haemorrhage).
- Are interested and comfortable contributing lived experience perspectives to national clinical guidelines that will help shape clinical care.

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- Are confident to share your views and experiences and collaborating with clinicians and researchers.
- Are interested in evidence-based healthcare and guideline development.
- Open to a flexible, ongoing process that involves testing ideas, giving feedback and making changes along the way.
- Have experience as a consumer representative on advisory groups or committees (for example groups developing or evaluating clinical guidelines, policies or services).

The National Blood Authority strongly welcomes submissions from consumers of diverse backgrounds, identities and regions across Australia.

What you'll need to do:

If selected, you'll be asked to:

- **Start-up phase: October – December 2026:**
 - Participate in up to 2 meetings (of up to 3 hours) to support establishment of the CRG and onboarding of CRG members.
 - Note: The schedule for establishment phase meetings will be created in consultation with CRG members.
- **Implementation phase: February 2027 – January 2029**
 - Participate in **online meetings approximately every 2–3 months**. Meetings will generally run **2–3 hours**.
 - Note: The Implementation phase meeting schedule will be created in consultation with CRG members. Longer and more frequent meetings may be required in the first three months of implementation to review and prioritise questions.
 - Complete preparation work and reading required for each meeting.
 - If required, attend a **pre-meeting with National Blood Authority staff and/or the CRG Chair** to help you understand the information, expectations, and requirements for upcoming meetings.
 - Share your views on the **evidence summaries and draft guideline content**, providing a clear consumer perspective on what matters most to patients experiencing critical bleeding and their families.
- **Wind-up phase: February – March 2029**

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- Participate in a **Lessons Learned Workshop** (up to 2 hours) to share your feedback on the guideline development process and help improve future guideline updates.

Remuneration

- Consumer representatives on the CRG will be remunerated for:
 - Sitting fees – \$95.20/hour
 - Preparation and out of session work:
 - Up to 1.5 hours preparation (including pre-reading) for each meeting
 - Out-of-session work will be paid at the standard hourly rate and subject to agreed time limits.

Other details:

- You'll need access to a computer and reliable internet. If this is a barrier, please contact the CHF Consumer Engagement team: admin@chf.org.au

How to apply:

To be considered for appointment, you MUST [complete an online application](#).

The form will ask you to provide information including your age group, region/state you live in and other personal information. You will also need to respond to the following questions:

1. Do you identify as either:
 - Someone who has experienced critical bleeding as an adult consumer (e.g., major trauma, gastrointestinal haemorrhage, obstetric haemorrhage)
 - A carer or family member of an adult who has experienced a critical bleeding event
 - None of the above
 - Other
2. Why are you interested in joining the Clinician/Consumer Reference Group?
Share what motivates you to be part of this group. You might want to include your personal experiences, interests, or perspectives related to the critical bleeding guideline.
(Maximum 1000 characters)
3. Briefly describe up to three consumer values, needs or experiences that you think should be considered in updating the Patient blood management guideline for critical bleeding.
(Maximum 1000 characters)

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4. Provide a brief description of your most recent and relevant experience as a consumer representative in committees, advisory groups or similar (including any experience reviewing research data and evidence).
(Maximum 900 characters)

To submit your application: [Complete the EOI form](#)

Submission deadline

- **Date:** Monday, 21st September
- **Time (by state-based time zone):**
 - NSW/VIC/QLD/TAS/ACT: 12:00PM (Noon)
 - SA/NT: 11:30AM
 - WA: 10:00AM

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Questions?

If you have questions about applying, including options to make audio/video submissions, please email admin@chf.org.au

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