Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework for Blood Safety: Update

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The new decision-making paradigm envisioned for blood safety decision-making.

- A health sector focus
- A consistent, standardised approach to decision-making
- Evidence-based decisions using risk assessment tools
- Tolerable risk based on societal considerations
- Multiple sectors included in the decision-making process
Summary

1. Preparation
   - Risk Management Principles

2. Problem Formulation
   - Risk Communication and Stakeholder Participation

3. Participation Strategy
   - Assessment Principles

4. Assessments
   - Risk Tolerability

5. Evaluation

6. Decision
Assessment Principles

To ensure the value of assessments, the risk management policy should provide a set of expectations for these assessments

- Proportionality
- Timeliness
- Quality of evidence
- Characterisation of uncertainty
- Variability, Integration with related analyses
- Transparency and confidentiality
Stage 4

Assessments

Core:
• Blood Safety Risk
• Health Economics and Outcomes
• Stakeholder
• Operational Risk

Contextual:
• Social Concern & Perception
• Equity, Trust, Legal & Jurisdictional
Risk-Based Decision-Making

Decisions about blood safety need to take numerous factors into account, such as risks, benefits, costs, ethical issues, and stakeholder perspectives.

ABO has developed a unique framework to help blood service operators streamline the process and make responsible decisions that lead to the greatest good. Whether the blood safety decision to be made is small or large in scale, this framework can help to organize the process and to assure the quality of the information used to make the decision.

More information about the Framework can be found by launching the microsite.
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While blood safety decisions vary widely in scope, the decision-making process follows common principles. This framework can help organise the process and assure the quality of the decision.

Why use this framework?
Streamline the process of assessing blood safety risk and make informed blood safety decisions. The framework helps simplify the decision-making process by breaking it down into a logical sequence.

Guidance
Learn about the risk-management policy foundations that will guide your work at every stage of the decision-making process. This foundational knowledge will help you use the framework more effectively.
Stage 1
Preparation

Review the basics of risk management so you can carry out the other stages efficiently and effectively.

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• Use descriptions as specific as possible. Avoid generic statements like “a significant reduction,” “reduces the risk to safe levels.”

**Step 6**
**Integrate the results into the framework**

**OBJECTIVE**
Integrate the results of this analysis with the results of other assessments.

**ACTIONS**
• Retrieve the Risk Management Options and Assessment
• Fill in the blood safety risk assessment results for each risk management option in the table.

Example of a blood safety risk assessment summary

**NEXT:** Stage 4 Task 4
### Appendix 5

**Blood Safety Risk Assessment**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>Virus X Risk</th>
<th>Non-Virus X risks modified by interventions</th>
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| **Status Quo**          | *Autochthonous:* Most likely estimate: chosen as 10th percentile of the distribution; 1.6 per 10,000 (15 per 100,000).  
                          | *Travel-related:* Most likely estimate: midrange of 6.5 per 100,000.            | We will use data in Custer et al., page 2464, Table 3 with the following modifications:  
                          | *Total risk:* Most likely estimate: sum of the most likely estimate for each risk component: 22.5 per 100,000. | ✅ Adjust bacterial risk from platelets from 1 in 47,000 to 1 in 2,000.  
                          |                                                                                                           | ✅ Adjust bacterial risk from other components from 1 in 50,000 to 1 in 500,000.  
                          |                                                                                                           | ✅ Adjust HBV risk from 1 in 153,000 to 1 in 750,000.  
                          |                                                                                                           | ✅ Eliminate CMV, FNN-HTR, and TRIM from the model.  

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