

Table 1 Patient demographic data and transfusion episode information according to department

Demographic data and transfusion episode information	Department			Total
	Internal medicine	Surgery	Obstetrics/gynaecology	
Sex				
Males, No. (%)	234 (60)	107 (67)	-	341 (46)
Females, No. (%)	156 (40)	53 (33)	192 (100)	401 (54)
Mean (SD) age (years)	56.7 (19.9)	50.5 (23.7)	33.4 (9.6)	49.6 (21.2)
No. of transfusion episodes				
WB	19	15	58	92
RBC	281	147	109	537
PC	67	2	18	87
FFP	78	3	32	113
Total	445	167	217	829
Units/episode, mean (SD) median [range]				
WB	2.1 (1.4) 2 [1-7]	1.6 (1.1) 1 [1-4]	1.7 (0.9) 2 [1-6]	1.8 (1.0) 2 [1-7]
RBC	1.6 (0.6) 2 [1-4]	1.8 (0.8) 2 [1-4]	1.8 (0.9) 2 [1-4]	1.7 (0.7) 2 [1-4]
PC	7.5 (2.5) 7 [2-10]	6.0 (6) ^a	4.9 (2.5) 4 [2-10]	6.9 (2.6) 6 [2-10]
FFP	2.8 (1.7) 2 [1-10]	2.0 (2) ^a	2.9 (1.6) 2 [2-9]	2.8 (1.7) 2 [1-10]
No. of units transfused				
WB	42	24	102	168
RBC	461	258	193	912
PC	500	12	88	600
FFP	215	6	93	314
Total	1218	300	476	1994
Single unit transfusions				
RBC, No. (%)	119 (42.3)	53 (36.8)	51 (46.4)	223 (49.9)
WB, No. (%)	7 (35)	10 (66.7)	23 (39.7)	40 (45.2)

^aThere was only 1 episode of PC transfusion and 1 episode of FFP transfusion in the Department of Surgery; thus, there is no standard deviation or range. SD = standard deviation; WB = whole blood; RBC = red blood cells; PC = platelet concentrate; FFP = fresh frozen platelets.