TITLE: Mobile Blood Transfusion Units: Clinical Effectiveness and Safety

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RESEARCH QUESTION:
What is the clinical effectiveness and safety of using mobile blood transfusion units to provide care to individuals in rural and remote areas?

METHODS:
A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 4, 2009), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between 2004 and November 2009. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS:
HTIS reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, and observational studies.

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, or observational studies were identified regarding the clinical effectiveness and safety of using mobile blood transfusion units to provide care to individuals in rural and remote areas. Additional articles regarding home blood transfusion can be found in the appendix.

Health technology assessments
No literature identified
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified

Randomized controlled trials
No literature identified

Controlled clinical trials
No literature identified

Observational studies
No literature identified

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Observational studies- Home transfusion


Review articles- Home transfusion