

22nd October 2019

Our ref: FOI 03331

Dear

Thank you for your request for information.

Your Request & Our Response

Cell salvage in obstetrics

1. Does your hospital have an obstetric unit?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. What is the number of births per year in your obstetric unit?

3000

3. Do you use cell salvage in obstetrics?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. In what situations is cell salvage used (tick any that apply)
 - a. All caesarean sections
 - b. category 1 caesarean section,
 - c. category 2 caesarean section,
 - d. category 3 caesarean section,
 - e. category 4 caesarean section,
 - f. caesarean section with high risk of haemorrhage,
 - g. obstetric patients refusing blood transfusion,

5. What is the availability of cell salvage in your obstetric unit
 - a. 24 hour,
 - b. day-time only,
 - c. depending on staff and/or equipment),

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6. How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection only in your obstetric unit?

This data is not readily available and would require a manual trawl through paper records which would constitute a disproportionate effort to retrieve and would exceed 18 hours. This information is therefore exempt on the grounds of cost (Section 12(1)).

7. How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection and reinfusion in your obstetric unit?

This data is not readily available and would require a manual trawl through paper records which would constitute a disproportionate effort to retrieve and would exceed 18 hours. This information is therefore exempt on the grounds of cost (Section 12(1)).

8. Does your hospital obstetric unit have any concerns about using cell salvaged blood at caesarean section?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

9. If yes to question 6, do your concerns relate to any of the following (tick all that apply)

- a. Infection risk
- b. Haemolytic disease in future pregnancy
- c. Cost
- d. Amniotic fluid embolism
- e. Need for broad spectrum antibiotics
- f. Availability of trained staff
- g. Availability of equipment
- h. Other (please state)

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Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Connor
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