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Directive in the possible event of blood transfusion for underage children who are Jehovah's Witnesses

name of legal guardian

name of anaesthetist

patient label

1. The legal guardian informs the anaesthetist of his/her affiliation to the Jehovah's Witnesses faith and the refusal to use blood products in his/her child. The anaesthetist respects the legal guardian's decision. This decision will be highlighted in the anaesthesia record to inform all anaesthetists involved.
2. If the anaesthetist considers the use of blood products in an elective, not life-threatening treatment as possible, the legal guardian may refuse this treatment.
3. If the anaesthetist regards the use of blood products as urgent and indispensable, he/she will inform the legal guardian to explain the inevitability. The legal guardian contacts the Jehovah's Witnesses Hospital Liaison Committee. The revocation of a legal guardian's refusal to allow blood to be used by a family court member is usually unnecessary.
4. In the unlikely event of an unexpected emergency, the anaesthetist will attempt all measures to treat the child without the use of blood products and to respect the legal guardian's decision. However, if the anaesthetist assesses the use of blood products as urgent and indispensable to save the child's life, the anaesthetist is entitled to use blood products despite the legal guardian's refusal.

date

anaesthetist

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I / we have read and understood the above directive.

My / our signature should only be considered as my / our confirmation to the awareness of legal provisions stipulated for an emergency. The signature is, under no circumstances, a consent to the use of blood products in my / our child. Also, the signature does not constitute a waiver of my / our right to decide, which medical treatment my / our child receives or does not receive.

legal guardian

relationship with the child

legal guardian

relationship with the child

date

witness