

## To Patients Refusing Blood Transfusions Due to Religious or Other Reasons

Our hospital's policy regarding patients who refuse blood transfusions due to religious or other reasons is as follows:

- 1 . Our hospital does not perform unnecessary blood transfusions under any circumstances.
- 2 . When managing a patient solely with alternative treatments to blood transfusion, we will implement medical procedures where the risk is considered sufficiently low. In such cases, we will explain the potential for unforeseen risks.
- 3 . For children, unconscious individuals, or those lacking the capacity to make decisions who urgently require a blood transfusion, the necessity of administering a transfusion will be determined based on medical necessity. Please note that if a guardian does not allow a child to receive necessary medical care, such as a blood transfusion deemed necessary by a physician, it constitutes psychological abuse. (Please refer to the Director-General's Notice from the Children and Families Bureau of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, "Regarding Responses to Cases Suspected of Medical Neglect Based on Religious Beliefs, etc.")
- 4 . We will make our best efforts to provide bloodless treatment. However, if an urgent need for a blood transfusion arises, we will explain the necessity of the transfusion to the patient or their accompanying person and obtain their consent.
- 5 . If a physician determines that necessary medical care cannot be provided without a blood transfusion, and consent for the transfusion cannot be obtained from the patient or their representative, we will refer the patient to another medical institution.

(This is the end of the announcement.)