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To: World Federation of Societies of Anaesthetists

From: Dr Arvin Karu, President of Society of Anaesthetists of Papua New Guinea

Subject: Patient Blood Management Support Letter

In providing this letter of support, the Papua New Guinea Society of Anaesthetists recognizes the serious public health problem represented by iron deficiency, anemia, bleeding, and coagulation disorders imposing a great burden on national public health systems and the profound impact these conditions represent on well-being and adverse outcomes of hospitalized patients.

For this reason, we consider the urgent need to lead the implementation of the Patient Blood Management principles in the perioperative period, through its three fundamental pillars:
1. Detection and management of anemia and iron deficiency;
2. Minimization of blood loss and optimization of coagulation; and
3. Improvement and optimization of physiological tolerance to anemia.

We are committed to leading and coordinating efforts together with other scientific societies and our local governments to guarantee these fundamental principles, and for the standardization of a sustainable, systematic, multidisciplinary and multi-professional policy aimed to preserve the patient’s own blood as a universal frame of reference in which we will work together.

Thank you.

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President, Society of Anaesthetists of Papua New Guinea
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