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In providing this letter of support, the Association of Anaesthetists recognises the serious public health problem represented by iron deficiency, anaemia, 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 hospitalised patients.

For this reason, we consider the urgent need to lead the implementation of the Patient Blood Management principles in the peri-operative period, through its three fundamental pillars:

1. Detection and management of anaemia and iron deficiency;
2. Minimisation of blood loss and optimisation of coagulation; and
3. Improvement and optimisation of physiological tolerance to anaemia.

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 multiprofessional policy aimed to preserve the patient’s own blood as a universal frame of reference in which we will work together.

Yours sincerely

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