

# Using Blood Wisely: Updated Spot Audit Guidelines

**Using  
Blood  
Wisely.**

An initiative of:  
Choosing Wisely Canada  
Canadian Blood Services

This document outlines the frequency with which to submit your spot audit data, based on the number of red blood cell transfusions performed at your hospital per month. These guidelines will ensure that there is sufficient data to be able to objectively determine designation criteria.

## Updated Spot Audit Guidelines

---

### HOSPITALS WITH 50+ TRANSFUSIONS PER MONTH

**Submit spot audit data every two months.**

Data requirements for designation:

- Data that meets benchmark at time baseline, 2 months and 4 months (3 data points of at least 50 transfusions each).
- 

### HOSPITALS WITH 25-49 TRANSFUSIONS PER MONTH (ON AVERAGE)

**Submit spot audit data monthly.**

Data requirements for designation:

- 4 consecutive months of data (25-49 transfusions/month) after baseline, that will be combined bi-monthly and analyzed to determine benchmark status/trend over 3 data points (baseline, 2 and 4 months).
- 

### HOSPITALS WITH 10-24 TRANSFUSIONS PER MONTH (ON AVERAGE)

**Submit spot audit data monthly.**

Data requirements for designation:

- 6-8 consecutive months of data (10-24 transfusions/month) after baseline, that will be combined (each data point to reach ~ 50 transfusions) and analyzed to determine benchmark status/trend over 3 data points (baseline, 3-4 months and 6-8 months).
- 

### HOSPITALS WITH 10 TRANSFUSIONS OR LESS PER MONTH (ON AVERAGE)

**Submit data monthly.**

To qualify for designation:

- 4 consecutive quarters of data, after baseline that meet benchmark.
-