The use of epoetin alfa before orthopaedic surgery in patients with mild anaemia.
Understanding our advice: the use of epoetin alfa before orthopaedic surgery in patients with mild anaemia

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Authors' objectives
This Health Technology Assessment (HTA) makes recommendations to NHSScotland on the use of epoetin alfa.

Authors' conclusions
Recommendations
Epoetin alfa is not recommended for general use by NHSScotland to reduce exposure to allogeneic blood transfusion in patients with mild anaemia prior to major elective orthopaedic surgery. Epoetin alfa is recommended for restricted use within NHSScotland. It is a possible treatment option for patients with mild anaemia prior to major elective orthopaedic surgery who cannot receive blood transfusion, either due to their religious convictions or because suitable blood is unlikely to be available.

Resource implications of recommendations
These recommendations are not estimated to change resource use in NHSScotland.

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