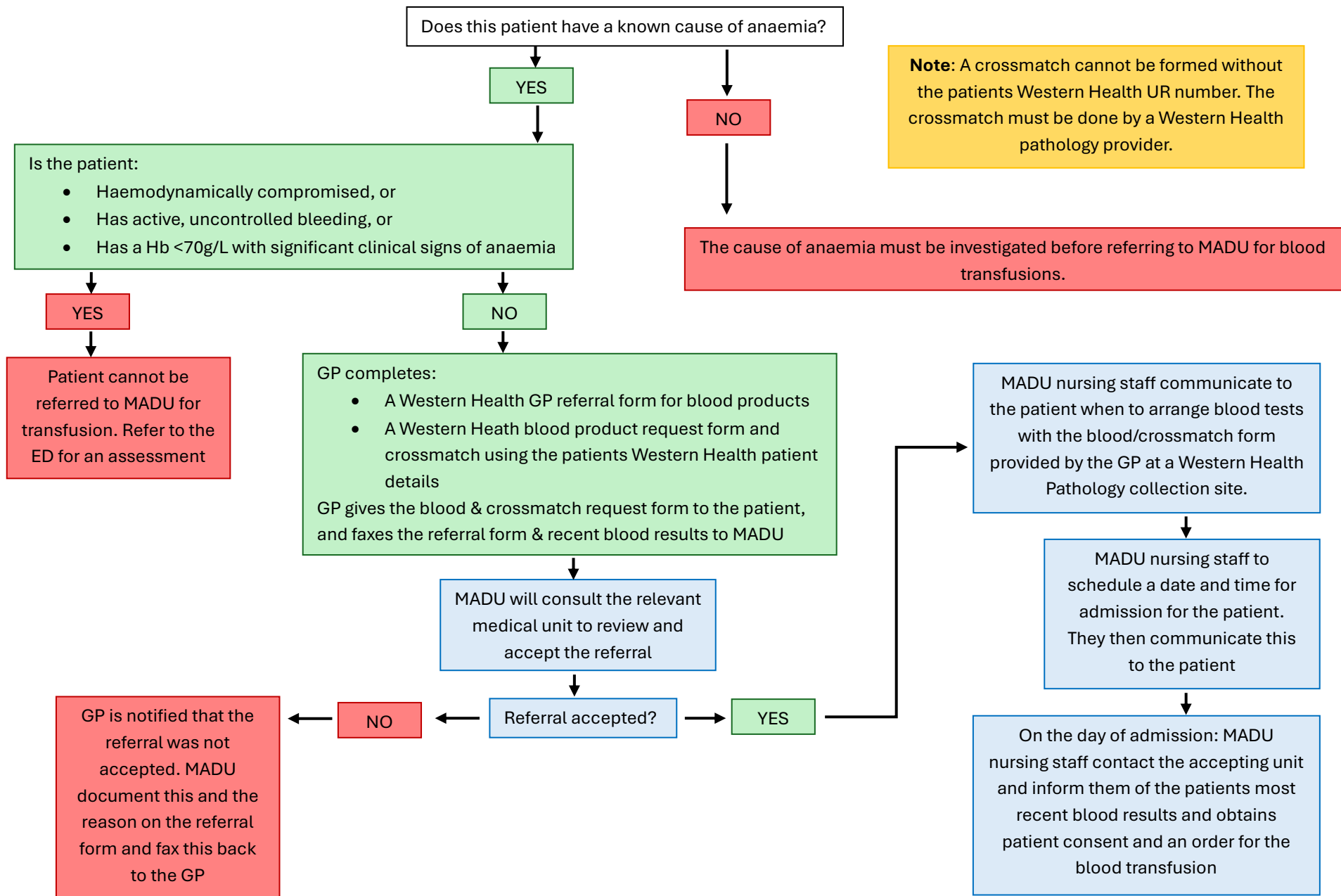


# GP REFERRAL OF COMMUNITY BASED PATIENTS (including Aged Care facility residents) REQUIRING BLOOD TRANSFUSION



Does this patient have a known cause of anaemia?

YES

NO

Is the patient:

- Haemodynamically compromised, or
- Has active, uncontrolled bleeding, or
- Has a Hb <70g/L with significant clinical signs of anaemia

YES

NO

Patient cannot be referred to MADU for transfusion. Refer to the ED for an assessment

The cause of anaemia must be investigated before referring to MADU for blood transfusions.

GP completes:

- A Western Health GP referral form for blood products
- A Western Health blood product request form and crossmatch using the patients Western Health patient details

GP gives the blood & crossmatch request form to the patient, and faxes the referral form & recent blood results to MADU

MADU will consult the relevant medical unit to review and accept the referral

Referral accepted?

NO

YES

GP is notified that the referral was not accepted. MADU document this and the reason on the referral form and fax this back to the GP

MADU nursing staff communicate to the patient when to arrange blood tests with the blood/crossmatch form provided by the GP at a Western Health Pathology collection site.

MADU nursing staff to schedule a date and time for admission for the patient. They then communicate this to the patient

On the day of admission: MADU nursing staff contact the accepting unit and inform them of the patients most recent blood results and obtains patient consent and an order for the blood transfusion