



# A Catastrophic Breakup

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**22 year old Male**

PMH: Sickle Cell Disease

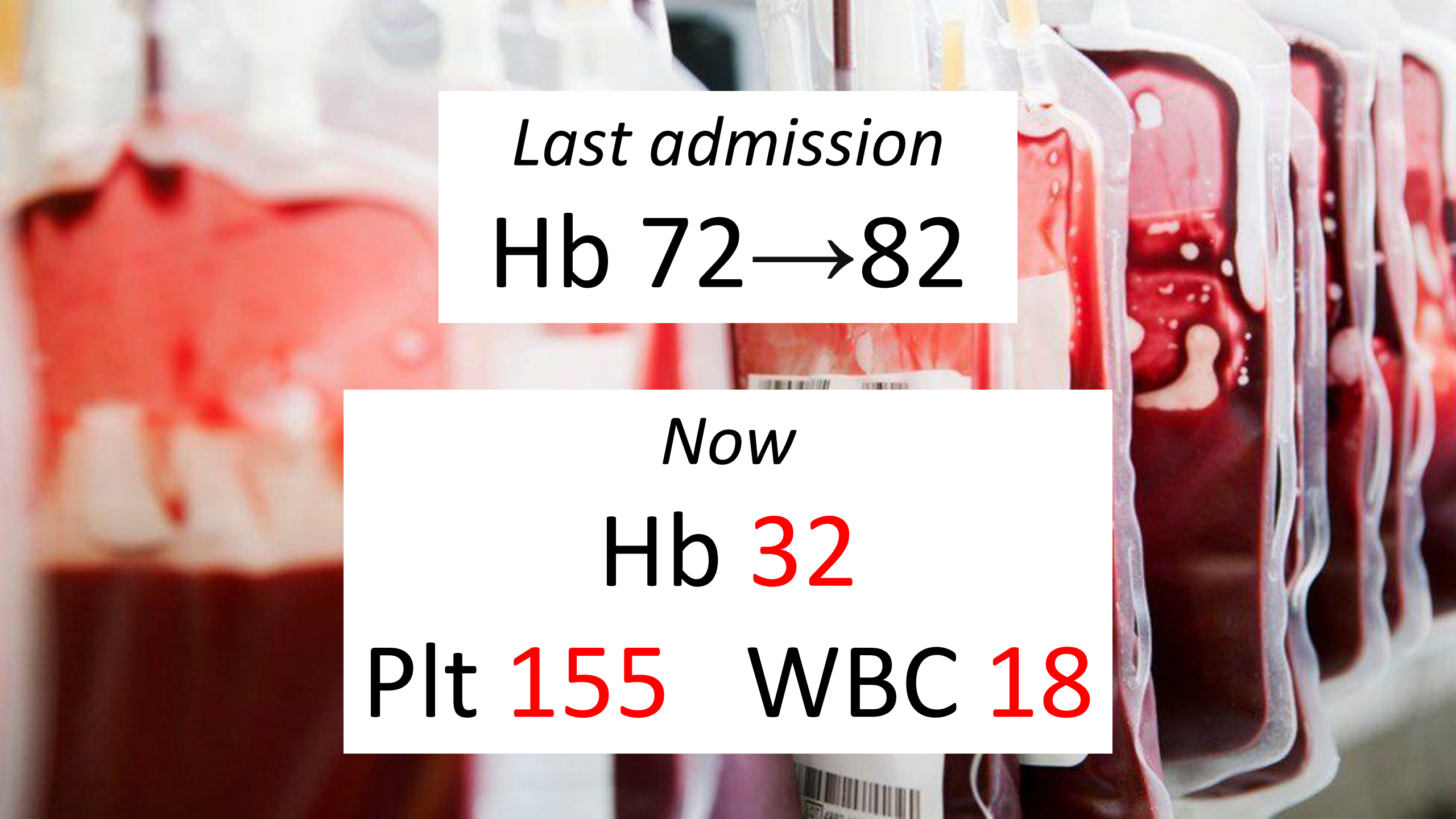
**38.7, RR 34,**

**SpO2 86%, HR 122**

**GCS 12**





The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of several blood bags hanging from a stand. The bags are filled with a dark red liquid, presumably blood, and have clear plastic tubing attached. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the plastic and the color of the blood.

*Last admission*  
Hb 72→82

*Now*  
Hb 32  
Plt 155    WBC 18

A microscopic view of numerous red blood cells (erythrocytes) against a light blue background. The cells are stained a deep pinkish-purple. Some cells are intact and spherical, while others are fragmented, elongated, or irregular in shape, suggesting hemolysis or abnormal morphology. A central white rectangular box contains the text "HYPERHEMOLYSIS SYNDROME" in bold black capital letters.

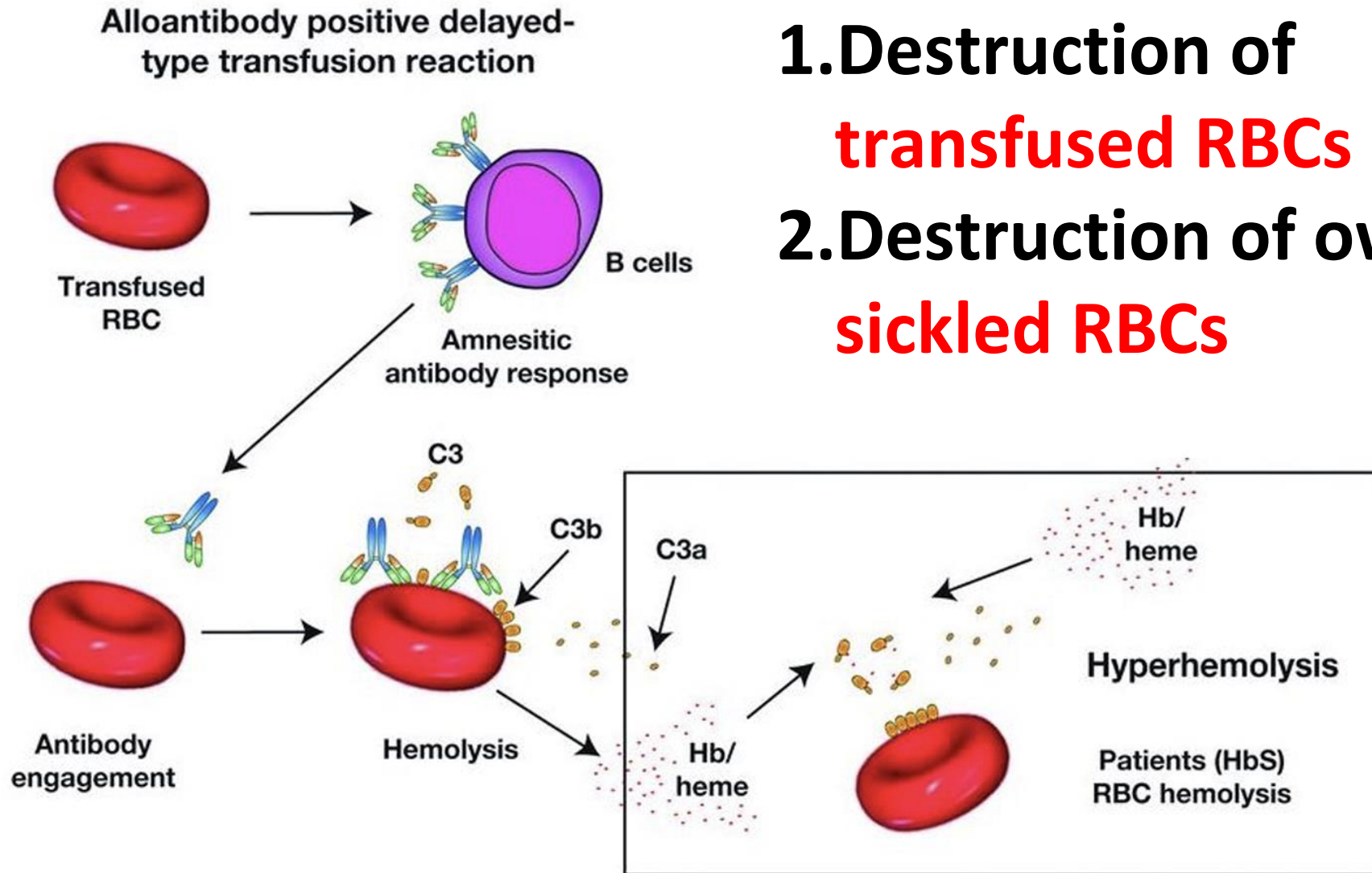
# **HYPERHEMOLYSIS SYNDROME**



The background of the slide is a microscopic image of a blood smear. It shows a high density of red blood cells (erythrocytes), which appear as small, round, pinkish-purple discs. Scattered throughout are a few white blood cells (leukocytes), which have larger, more irregular nuclei and some visible cytoplasm. The overall texture is granular and cellular.

# **Why SCD Patients?**

- 1. Increased transfusions**
- 2. Inherent RBC antigen profile**
- 3. Increased baseline inflammation**



1. Destruction of

**transfused RBCs**

2. Destruction of own

**sickled RBCs**





**5-20%**

**Mortality Rate**



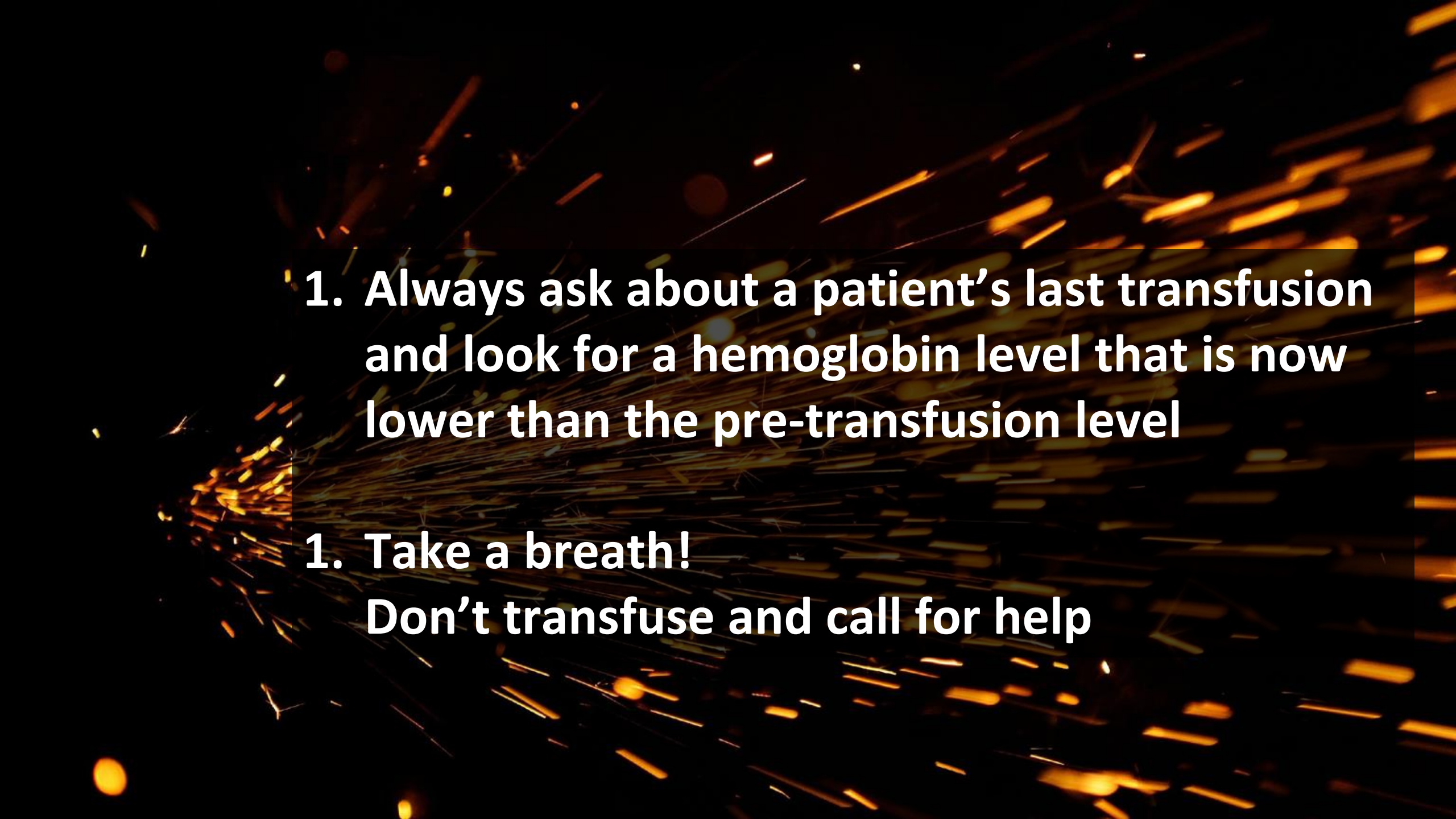
# THE SMOKING GUN

A man with a beard, wearing a brown hat and a green vest over a light blue shirt, is aiming a long-barreled rifle. He is looking intently at the target. The background is a dense green hedge under a clear blue sky.

New Hb is LOWER  
than the  
pre-transfusion Hb







**1. Always ask about a patient's last transfusion and look for a hemoglobin level that is now lower than the pre-transfusion level**

**1. Take a breath!**  
**Don't transfuse and call for help**