

Blood 2019

Preparations for the first Transfusion Professionals day on the Saturday prior to Blood 2019 are well under way.

The aim of the day is to work through some of the professional issues that we all need to deal with in the Transfusion Professional role. This includes sessions on:

- How to present data –we all know data can help to influence the decision makers, how can we present data in the best way?
- Changes to the National Standards – what are the accreditors looking for?
- Looking at some of the cultural and indigenous issues that can affect us in transfusion –how can we help all our patients?
- A chance to network and catch up with our colleagues from all parts of Australia and New Zealand.

This event is free for all ANZSBT members, non-members cost \$50. Come along and enjoy the day. *See program page 3.*

What's happening around Australia and New Zealand?

Victoria:

STIR report 2016-17 has been approved and is available on the Blood Matters website <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/patient-care/speciality-diagnostics-therapeutics/blood-matters>. The RhD immunoglobulin in obstetrics audit is being finalised. Preparations for posters and oral presentations at ISBT in Basel, Switzerland are currently underway.

New South Wales:

The revised NSW Blood Management Policy Directive was published late 2018 - Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks are reviewing local operational procedures in response to this policy directive. <https://>

www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2018_042.pdf

Blood Watch together with the Blood Service, continue to provide site visits and transfusion seminars to rural and remote NSW facilities to support patient safety and compliance with NSQHS Blood Management standard.

BloodSafe eLearning Australia:

The following Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA) courses have been released:

IDA Essentials

IDA Paediatrics – case study

IDA Surgical – case study

IDA Heavy menstrual bleeding – case study

New courses and resources currently in development include:

IDA Maternity (for release mid-2019)

IDA Chronic and complex (for release mid-2019)

Immunoglobulin course (early stages of development)

'Transfusion consent for neonates - a shared decision' a video produced in collaboration with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

World Blood Donor day June 14



To help celebrate World Blood Donor day the Blood Service had their first ever 24 hour donate-a-thon.

Melbourne CBD, Sydney Town Hall and Brisbane CBD Donor Centres were open for

24 hours from 7pm Thursday 13 June, with extended hours at Adelaide Regent and Perth CBD Donor Centres. The response from donors was fantastic.

Did you know?

ABO isn't the only blood grouping system, there are currently 33 systems recognised by the International Society of Blood Transfusion.

Dogs have over 12 blood groups.

Red cells contain haemoglobin, which combined with oxygen helps give blood its red colour.

Spiders, as well as horse shoe crabs and some other arthropods, have blue blood due to the presence of copper based haemocyanin in their blood.

Every drop of your blood contains roughly 200-300 million red blood cells.

Key events: 2019

ISBT 30th regional congress, November 16-19, Bangkok, Thailand

Blood 2019, November 20-23, Perth.
<http://www.blood2019.com/>

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4th Peri-operative Patient Blood Management Symposium, February 14-15 Brisbane.



Your Transfusion Professional Representatives

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New Zealand Blood Service	Fiona King
Northern Territory	Susan Dalkie
Queensland	Susan Kay
South Australia	Barbara Parker
Tasmania	Dawn Richardson
Victoria	Chris Akers & Adrienne Wynne
Western Australia	Angie Monk
Australian Blood Service	Bev Quested
ANZSBT Council	Debbie Pinchon
BloodSafe e-learning	Trudi Verrall

Transfusion Practitioners Study Day

Saturday 19th October 11.00 - 16.00

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Programme

1030 *Registration & coffee*

1050 *Welcome*

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1100	<i>What do the accreditation surveyors really want?</i> Jo Blacker (King Edward Memorial Hospital, WA)
1130	<i>How to win friends and influence people ... with data!</i> Amanda Esson (Department of Health, WA)
1200	<i>Solving a sticky Situation - implementation of an electronic blood labelling system</i> Angie Monk & Sarah Bennett (Joondalup Health Campus)

1230 *Lunch* Networking & Catchups

 Tools of the Trade	
1315	<i>Transfusion Education and Training Resources</i> Dr Anastazia Keegan (Australian Red Cross Blood Service, WA)

 Lessons Learned	
1400	<i>Indigenous cultural beliefs about transfusion</i> Tracey Spigiel or Maree Perry (Australian Red Cross Blood Service, SA/QLD)
1445	<i>We may have all come on different ships, but we are in the same boat now.</i> Alison Badger NZBLOOD Service

1530 *Afternoon Tea* Networking & Catchups

Special thanks to **HealthRFID** for sponsoring the study day and to **Vifor Pharma** for sponsoring lunch



