



## Blood and Transplant

### The Update for May 2022

#### **International Haemovigilance Network - SHOT Symposium 6 - 8 July 2022 You can register and submit abstracts now**

This year we're celebrating our silver jubilee and would love you to come and join us in beautiful Brighton.

[Go the symposium website](#)

Please feel free to contact [shot.symposium@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:shot.symposium@nhsbt.nhs.uk) if you have any questions or comments.

Emma Milser - SHOT Haemovigilance and PBMM Specialist, SHOT

#### **Latest version of the OBOS user guide now available Version 24.1**

The updated user guide includes clarification on:

- Cancelling orders and standing orders for standard and Specialist Stock Orders (SSO) on pages 30, 36 and 37
- Information displayed in split orders on page 41

The training presentation and practice orders have also been updated.

There have been no changes to the functionality of OBOS.

If you have any comments or ideas to improve OBOS please email [OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:OBOS@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

[Go to the documents](#)

Craig Wilkes - Lead Specialist Process Improvement Hospital Customer Service

## **H&I - cancelling HLA platelet standing orders Information is now available in our FAQ**

As part of H&I's continuous improvement programme and in response to customer and colleagues' feedback, the process for cancelling HLA platelets standing orders has been included in the HLA platelet service FAQ.

[Go to the FAQ - 'Orders and delivery'](#)

Dr Colin Brown – Consultant Clinical Scientist – Head of H&I, Colindale

## **New Anaemia eLearning modules Aimed at primary care practitioners**

The 2-module package 'Anaemia of inflammation and chronic disease' covers the theory behind this complex condition and a series of case studies supporting clinical practice.

It is available on eLearning for Healthcare, ESR and the Hospitals & Science website as part of the 'Anaemia in primary care' programme.

[Go to the package](#)



Andrea Marshall - Patient Blood Management Development Manager

## **RCI management of Intra-uterine Transfusions (IUT) and neonatal transfusions Changes to our processes from 13 June 2022**

While requests for these transfusions requests are relatively rare, as part of our continuous improvement programme, we have recently reviewed the management of these referrals.

This means that you will be asked for additional details and/or a baby sample, if one is available. This change ensures that we will receive appropriate information to provide transfusion support in a timely manner, that checks and decisions will be made, either within RCI's LIMS or by our scientists and that all the available information on mother and baby will be considered.

When you need us to carry out testing to support an Intra-uterine or neonatal transfusion please telephone the laboratory as soon as possible: we will need to gather information from you to ensure that we undertake appropriate testing to enable suitable blood provision, and would prefer to receive both maternal and neonatal samples, however we will discuss this with you.

Please make it clear on the telephone call, that the request is for neonatal or intra-uterine transfusion. Where maternal and neonatal samples are referred, please include details on the maternal request form. If only a neonatal sample is referred, please include the maternal details on the form.

Units will continue to be issued as 'Suitable for the baby of ....' unless a baby sample is received and then units will be issued to the patient directly.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. If you have any questions, please contact your RCI laboratory who will be happy to discuss this further.

Sarah Thompson - National Operations Manager, RCI

### **We have now updated our hospital component recall documents**

The updated and improved documents are:

- 'Component recall process' showing a flow process of the interactions between hospitals and ourselves during:
  - - hospital reported visual abnormalities
  - - hospital initiated recalls and
  - - NHSBT initiated recalls
- 'Recall reason information for hospitals' - information for each recall type, any action required if the unit(s) have been transfused and guidance on the expected follow-up information we will provide.

We have now updated our hospital component recall documents

If you need help with the recall process or documentation, please contact Hospital Services.

[View the documents](#)

Deepa Takhar - Customer Services Manager

### **Clinical and scientific course dates for June 2022 Book now to attend**

These dates are only available for NHSBT and NHS England delegates, and are not open for the wider NHS (Wales / Scotland / HSCNI) or non-NHS.

#### **Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science**

- Part One - Theory (delivered online)
  - 7 - 9 June
- Part Two - Practical (delivered in person at one of these locations)
  - 13 and 14 June - Newcastle
  - 14 and 15 June - Filton
  - 15 and 16 June - Tooting

[Book to attend Practical Introduction to Transfusion Science](#)

#### **Specialist Transfusion Science Practice**

- Part One - Theory (delivered online)
  - 13 – 16 June
- Part Two - Practical (delivered in person at one of these locations)
  - 20 June – Newcastle
  - 21 June – Manchester
  - 21 June – Filton

[Book to attend Specialist Transfusion Science Practice](#)

#### **Virtual Advanced Transfusion Masterclass**

The Masterclass is an interactive half day delivered via Zoom to share learning of complex transfusion science practice and is a great CPD opportunity. The theme is Haemoglobinopathies and Transfusion Support (HATS) and comprises a selection of interactive case studies delivered by both RCI and Scientific and Clinical Training.

[Programme](#)

This year we will run the same Masterclass on two dates:

- 14 June, 9.30am to 12.45pm
- 11 October, 12.45pm to 4pm

The cost of attendance is £100.

[Book on the Advanced Transfusion Masterclass](#)

### **Essential Transfusion Medicine**

- 6 - 10 June

If you are on our waiting list, our Customer Service team will contact you.

[Book on the Essential Transfusion Medicine course](#)

### **Intermediate Transfusion Medicine**

- 13 June – 1 July

If you are on our waiting list for this course, our Customer Service team will contact you.

[Book on the Intermediate Transfusion Medicine course](#)

### **Future dates**

We will advertise these dates in due course, and they will be open to all.

Melanie Harper - Education Delivery Manager, OWD Scientific and Clinical Training

### **Interested in the MSc in Applied Transfusion and Transplantation? The recording of our information webinar is now available**

The University of the West of England (UWE) and NHSBT MSc in Applied Transfusion and Transplantation Science is accepting applications to start in September 2022.

[UWE Bristol online prospectus](#)

## Webinar

In April we hosted a webinar for NHS colleagues interested in learning more about this 2 year MSc programme and the standalone 'Management of Clinical Services' module that is suitable for CPD.

[Watch the webinar](#) (with captions).

## Applications for the standalone CPD module have opened

The module is relevant for other NHS lab disciplines beyond transfusion, and is delivered through distance learning. It offers the opportunity to gain advanced knowledge in the management of Clinical Services and its application within healthcare and the clinical laboratory environment. It will help develop management and leadership skills applicable to clinical settings, and include managing quality systems, continuous improvement, purposeful management and leadership, clinical audit and, managing systems and processes.

[Information the module on the UWE website.](#)

[Use our flyer to promote the module to your teams \(PDF\)](#)

Sonja Long - Scientific Placement Manager

## Use a second request form to support verbal requests for additional crossmatches, from 24 May

Please email or fax this form to the RCI laboratory, after making a verbal request to add an additional crossmatched unit/s onto the original referral. This is in addition to the telephone contact.

This practice is already in place at three of our laboratories and we are now extending it to others as an additional safety measure, to ensure we meet the correct requirements and to avoid any potential incidents due to communication or transcription errors.

We hope you support this change as an important patient safety improvement.

Tracey Tomlinson - Head of Laboratory, RCI Filton

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