



Blood and Transplant

The Update for September 2023

Non Medical Authorisation of Blood Components (NMA) course dates for 2024/2025

We allocate places on a first come, first served basis, and availability is limited

The course provides the theoretical foundation supporting the competency process required prior to the authorisation of blood component transfusion.

Please note, completing it is not evidence of competence; the competence of any practitioner cannot be confirmed by NHSBT or RCN.

2024

- April 16 - 19
- June 4 - 7, includes a paediatric and neonatal transfusion session
- October 8 - 11
- November 19 - 22

2025

- January 28 - 31
- February 25 - 28, includes a paediatric and neonatal transfusion session

[Find out more and register for a place](#)

Sasha Cooke - Business Administrator, Patient Blood Management

Book to attend the Virtual Advanced Transfusion Masterclass on pan-reactive case studies, 2 November 2023

Funding for free places from NHS England

This is an interactive day sharing learning of complex transfusion science practice, with a selection of interactive case studies delivered by RCI and the Scientific and Clinical Training and Education team. Topics include anti-CD-38 and anti-CD47 patients, drug-induced, anti-HI, antibodies to high-incidence antigens and multiple antibodies.

It's a great CPD opportunity, running via Zoom, 9.30am to 4.30pm

[For booking information email Scientificandclinicaltra@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Scientificandclinicaltra@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

We'll be running the masterclass next year on 10 January and 6 March.

Ruth Evans - OD Manager Scientific and Clinical Training and Education

The Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) portal updated on 5 September to provide new functionality and information

These are:

- Hospital monthly component reports, available in 'E-Reports' menu
- Updated help guide, available in the 'Help' menu
- Hospital profile form
- Contact details
- BSMS branding

To make sure you're accessing the latest version of the portal, with the new functionality, refresh your browser (to delete the cache) by pressing ctrl + F5 on your keyboard.

[Find out more about the updates](#)

Sophie Staples - Lead Specialist, BSMS

Preparations for blood group genotyping for people with sickle cell, thalassaemia and rare anaemia, starting from November 2023

In preparation for the start of patient sampling for the National Blood Group Genotyping Programme delivered by NHS Blood and Transplant, all pathology services are being asked to prepare by implementing a set of actions, as set out in [the letter](#).

Please can we ask that you take the necessary steps in anticipation of sample collection from November 2023 (separate notification to follow).

More information can be found on the NHS Blood & Transplant website.

[NHS England programme for Haemoglobinopathy blood group genotyping - International Blood Group Reference Laboratory - NHS Blood and Transplant](#)

Andrea Harmer, Genomics Programme Director, Clinical Services

Accessing OBOS, check your internet browser supports OBOS

The next version of OBOS, due for release in April 2024, will only be accessible using supported internet browsers, for example, Microsoft Edge, Safari, Chrome, Opera etc.

From December 2023, if you log on using an unsupported browser, a banner will display advising the browser is not fully supported, which means that functionality/performance may be affected.

Ruth Harper – Customer Service Manager, Process Improvement

Introducing laser printed despatch notes from October 2023 to replace dot matrix printing

Please be aware that the despatch note may look different as a result. There will be no change to the content or format. Laser printing means we can print out double sided notes in the future, reducing the amount of paper we use, increasing sustainability.

Theresa Long - Lead Specialist, Technical and Scientific Development

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