

London Platelet Action Group (LoPAG) Minutes 24th August 2012

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Apologies: Amanpreet Dhesi (AD)
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Item		Action
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies received from AD, MR & HB 	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes form meeting held on 30th April 2012 were accepted as a true record. 	
3.	Actions from previous meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) LoPAG ToR and Membership List – complete b) LoPAG stand at May 2012 London RTC Meeting – complete c) Top 10 Tips Survey – to be discussed under agenda item 6 d) Platelet Poster – BR presented first draft of this, aimed at junior BMS staff to understand interpreting the information on a unit label. A further discussion regarding developing this with Andy Miller into a Platelet Training Pack to include Q&As, Case Studies, Platelet Specifications and a “Competency Assessment” Tool. e) Flow Chart from Kings College Hospital – ML to send to CD to upload onto LoPAG website as an example. f) Age of Platelets Presentation – group decided that this presentation was probably too old to present now. g) Platelet Workshop Agenda’s – group discussed format of previous workshops run by BBT Team in North. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BR, CC and ML to continue to develop “Platelet Training Pack” and bring to next meeting. ML to send CD Kings Flow Chart.
4.	LoPAG at National Meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM presented on BSMS including introduction to LoPAG at the National Transfusion Practitioners Meeting in Birmingham on 26th June 2012. RM is due to attend an SNBTS education day in Glasgow on 21st Sept 2012 to highlight work and impact of LoPAG. Both BR & RM and are due to attend and present (BSMS & LoPAG) at the SBK Healthcare education days on 2nd -3rd Oct 2012. 	
5.	Platelet Champions Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are still a significant number of hospitals throughout the London RTC region that have yet to nominate a “Platelet Champion” (22 champions nominated to date). An email is to be sent to HTC Chairs asking for confirmation of nominations and highlighting the upcoming “Platelet Champions Day” as encouragement. The “Platelet Champions” event is likely to take place in Nov/Dec 2012 and the group would like it to be highlighted at the next RTC Business Meeting on 11th Oct 2012 in order to promote attendance and champions’ involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RM to draft email to send to HTC Chairs and send to CD. CD to contact Gavin Cho (London RTC Chair) re promotion of event at RTC Business Meeting

6.	Top 10 Tips – Survey Results	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately one third of hospitals within the London RTC region submitted responses to the Top 10 Tips Survey. • The group discussed the findings of the survey and what it shows including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hospitals are stocking AB platelets – this may be due to availability however NHSBT should publicise there availability in order to promote use. • The drafted SLA for stock sharing amongst hospitals is available on the JPAC website; however the lack of an SLA was considered a barrier to stock sharing by some respondents. • The survey appeared to show some respondents were confused regarding “dereservation periods” – LoPAG to draft a definition and explanation and place on website. • The survey identified that few hospitals are using the NBTC Indication Codes – why? RTC Chair to highlight to Prof Mike Murphy. Also to be discussed at Platelet Champions Day. • Are double dose platelets still being authorised post BMS referral to a medic? Is there are mis-understanding of what “double dose” means? • Group would like to re-survey in 6months - 1 years time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC to discuss promotion of AB platelet availability at North London TAG. • CD to add link to LoPAG website for draft SLA. • ML to draft definition and explanation of dereservation period and provide example of how this has worked practically at Kings College Hospital. • Gavin Cho / Claire Harrison to raise lack of use of NBTC Indication Codes at NBTC/RTC Chairs Meeting in Sept 2012. • “Double dose” platelets – to be clarified at Platelet Champions Day.
7.	Platelet Champions Day	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM has possibly secured sponsorship of this event from Haemonetics. RM to confirm. • The group discussed possible venues to hold the event, including seminar room at Guys Hospital, Boardroom at Royal Brompton Hospital or function room at St Marys Hospital. • The format of the agenda for this event was discussed and will be confirmed at the next LoPAG meeting. The group decided to have the event as an all day event with speakers invited to present in the morning and the afternoon to be in workshop style. • ML to present the Kings Blood Order Form, use and audit as a tool for ordering platelets. • Agenda to include: Indication triggers, age of platelets and viability, impact of anti-platelet drugs, view of apheresis donors, HLA matched platelets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM to confirm sponsorship of platelet champions day. • BR to check availability of seminar room at Guys Hospital • CC to approach Steve Owen regarding use of Boardroom at Royal Brompton Hospital. • RM to check availability of function room at St Marys Hospital. • RM & CD to draft agenda and circulate to group for comments.
8.	Future LoPAG strategies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor usage and wastage through BSMS at RTC. • Draft report for findings of Top 10 Tips Survey • Re-survey in 2013 • Finalise platelet champions day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD and RM to draft survey findings summary and circulate to group fro comments. • RM to present survey findings and LoPAG update at RTC Business meeting on 11th Oct 2012.
9.	Any Other Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD presented North West RTC algorithm for reversal of Dibigatran – ML confirmed that the London Haematology & Trauma Group are looking at this - group decided that this should sit with the Trauma Group – no further action. 	
10.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC - End Sept/Beginning Oct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD to circulate doodle poll for next meeting and secure a venue.