

**THE TECHNICAL & ADVISORY DISCUSSION GROUP (TADG)
&
SOUTH EAST COAST REGIONAL TRANSFUSION COMMITTEE
EDUCATION DAY**

“Have You Got the TX Factor?”

**Evaluation Form
27th ~ January ~ 2012**

Could you please spend a few moments at the end of the meeting to complete this evaluation form.

Please cross the box that corresponds to your response:

E = Excellent
G = Good
S = Satisfactory
P = Poor

60 Responses received



Session 09.30 – 11.00		E	G	S	P
Transfusion reactions ~ SHOT Annual Report 2010	Alison Watt	17	35	7	0
Trauma and Transfusion	Dr Peter Larcombe	37	20	3	0
Session 11.30 – 12.45					
Antibody Knowledge & Identification	Malcolm Needs	25	27	4	3
New BCSH pre Transfusion Guidelines	Claire Milkins	24	33	3	0
Session 13.30 – 14.45					
Electronic Issue & Beyond	Malcolm Robinson	22	32	6	0
Modernising Scientific Careers	Andy Miller, Claire Milkins, Jenny White	4	31	19	4
Session 15.00 – 16.30					
Regulatory Haemovigilance: SABRE 2011	Judy Langham	24	24	9	0
Mixed Field Reactions	Jenny White	17	28	5	0

Other

	E	G	S	P
How well were the seminar objectives met?	21	30	3	0
Overall, how would you rate the seminar ?	24	30	2	0
How would you rate the venue – facilities, food, access etc..?	28	23	7	0
How would you rate the administrative arrangements ?	36	18	3	0

Please state what in particular you liked about the meeting today :

Guideline change a very useful 'heads up'.

New BCSH PreTransfusion Guidelines, advances in trauma treatment (Peter Larcombe) and case studies.

Guidelines directions, red cell serology knowledge and trauma scenarios.

Trauma & Transfusion

Relevant seminars to my role in transfusion (BMS) and knowledgeable speakers.

Very Informative in an excellent venue.

Venue, participant groups & presentations

Good variety of topics – very enjoyable day.

Excellent speakers, interesting subjects & very knowledgeable speakers. Lovely freebies – the information leaflets are very good.

BCSH Guidelines – useful to have an idea of changes.

BCSH Pre Transfusion guidelines – I just wish they were currently available for use. Also, SABRE talk very informative, a human face to MHRA!

Very enjoyable meeting, many good & interesting points made, look forward to the next one!

Case studies & interactive session.

Friendly participants, interactive.

Well run, interesting range of topics.

The future prospects in Electronic Crossmatch. The mystery about Modernising Scientific Careers.

Serious but relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Very professional.

Trauma & Transfusion presentation about major haemorrhagic policy and how it impacts in the field.

Great location & facilities. Good programme and adequate breaks. Thank you.

The variety of speakers, and timekeeping was excellent.

Ease of finding venue/parking. Good programme.

Lots of interesting information. Nice food, but no water, just juice & coffee.

Quiz!

Antibody knowledge & Identification was good.

Content.

Selection of other BMI sites attended – open to a wide audience. Informative for a broader picture.

Access to more information which others may find useful back in theatres.

Useful updates & mostly interesting. Some muddled & confusing, especially number 2!

There was an effort to broadly present different areas that affect us as BMSs in blood transfusion and also to bring us to the attention of future plans. All interactive talks.

Good to be kept up-to-date with developments both current and future & comparing notes as to what.

Sneak peak into guidelines. is happening at different Trusts.

Catching up with colleagues from another area.

Good to have a wide range of speakers from different areas. Particularly found BCSH new guidelines for pre-transfusion testing interesting.

Variety of discussions and appropriateness. Nearly every lecture related to current problems/issues at my local site.

Not too complicated, factual, interesting, varied lecturers from different aspects of transfusion.

Feel the sessions were very staggered and enjoyable. Good variety of topics. Very well presented. Great resources.

Trauma session. BCSH Pre-Transfusion Testing guidelines. SABRE.

Marketing items always a winner. Trauma & Transfusion session interesting, although a point I would like to make to Dr Larcombe; Worthing A&E has a laminated, easily accessible & visual major haemorrhage protocol in the resuscitation area. Catering was exemplary. Regulatory Haemovigilance very interesting overview of SABRE/ reporting systems.

Please state what, if anything, you disliked:

The Modernising Scientific Careers talk was a dry topic.

Some overlap of information in talks (Electronic Issue)

Modernising Scientific Careers

Presenters should be aware of print sizes used. Copies of documents are not legible and it detracts from the presentation. A little cold environmentally.

Modernising Scientific Careers

I felt the directions to the venue could have been clearer.

The font of some slides was way too small – couldn't read them at all and the speaker wasn't reading them out loud which caused problems taking part in the case studies. The second speaker/lecturer was either talking way too quietly & fast (even when having a mic!) or mumbling – couldn't understand a word he was saying!

Better if it was in a lecture theatre so that you can see the slides properly

Some deliveries very 'quiet' and question/discussion difficult to hear.

Little bit over my remit – not the fault of the event. Career information not really required at this level as I would imagine most are either in this field of something similar.

Couldn't always hear at the back of the room. Didn't know or meet anyone, no networking.

Varied backgrounds so more technical. Presentations lost on many others.

Some talks, although interesting, were not well presented and did not receive full attention.

The food was not great. Possibly more technical tips relevant to BT staff. Overall, enjoyed the presentations and little refresher.

Over-running with time. Insufficient time for discussion during the morning. Room temperature variable.

Although Electronic Issue talk good, it did repeat on information from previous talks. More chairs for lunch please.

Question and answer sessions. Some of the lectures were very well presented. Learnt about some of the changes that are going to happen e.g. BCSH guidelines. It was interesting to meet other BMSs from other hospitals whom I would otherwise not have met.

It was very cold in the seminar room, the air con was on and most of us sat with our coats and jumpers on.

Speakers, even if mic'd, need to speak up and speak slowly/enunciate!

Guidelines lecture isn't set in stone – things may change.

Not sure I realised the day would be so lab focused. Probably my fault but sessions titles seemed they would have a practice focus too.

Seminar room air con a little too effective – cold at times. Antibody Knowledge & Identification interesting & interactive, however not part of my expertise as a nurse in A&E, although I appreciate the relevance/interest for the majority of this seminar's attendees. Modernising Scientific Careers session aimed at BMSs again. Access to some of the PowerPoint presentations would be nice/helpful, in particular 'Trauma & Transfusion' PowerPoint.

Additional comments:

An excellent day!

Next time, with regards to EI, shall we consider when IT is not of use or if there is an IT breakdown.

Good Venue

More information about HSST and collaborative RCPATH exam towards becoming a Consultant BMS, if available, from the MSC presentation. Lunch was lovely. Thank you for an interesting event – I had a nice time.

Great to catch up with old work colleagues.

Limited signposting for meeting ground floor Bramber House. Bramber House was only mentioned on one piece of information supplied. Consider asking RTC to investigate purchasing digital devices for interactive sessions – less inhibitory as you cannot see how colleagues are voting.

Can we please get a meeting together as soon as possible regarding the new 2x sample guidelines with people speaking about implementation strategies – we need a dedicated meeting for this as there is major resistance from many clinical hospital staff.

Would be interesting in Modernising Scientific Careers to include other areas we could work in, e.g. research scientist, MHRA/CPA.SpoT, as the industry is changing so much. No one really knows where we as BMSs will be in 5 years so exploring other avenues, but utilising our qualifications, would be useful.

Although the Antibody Knowledge & Identification session was far too intellectually advanced for me as a staff nurse, I felt it was delivered very well. Gave me an insight into laboratory responsibilities and all involved in blood transfusion. Thank you.

I had circulated to my new transfusion link team and 7 were present. It was a pity that it was prioritised to lab. I found much useful, but as practice based nurses + ODPs, may have been less relevant. However, that's an individual issue for me and I will ask relevant questions in future! Thanks all.

Re new BCSH guidelines – point I would like to make regarding 2nd sample is the difficulty in ensuring that the safety mechanism of taking 2nd sample is not bypassed. Currently in our Trust guidelines are that 2nd sample can either be taken from same person half an hour apart or by 2 people. There is bad practice unfortunately and perhaps a training issue in part, whereby this safety mechanism is bypassed in that 2 samples are taken together and then consequently labelled for half an hour later. I would like to see this practice stopped and wonder whether guidelines for e.g. to ensure this is not practice by suggesting perhaps a different person must be/should be responsible for taking that sample. Whilst the practitioner is responsible/accountable for this potentially life-threatening event, I believe we should be acting proactively rather than reactively, and I feel this poor practice to be a great risk that could potentially be avoided.

Review of morning sessions: Malcolm Robinson Chief BMS WSHI & IADG Chair

This was a fantastic day held at the Brighton University, an excellent venue. The day was aimed at Band 5/6 BMS staff, but attracted attendees ranging from pre-assessment nurses to Chief BMS staff.

The presentations were excellent from a group of first rate speakers, who remained on hand to answer questions on a range of subjects covering the different aspects of the transfusion chain. The morning was kicked off by Alison Watt and SHOT and the lessons to be learned, this was followed by an excellent presentation from the Chair of the SEC RTC, Dr Peter Larcombe, a Consultant Anaesthetist on current, and varied, practices in dealing with Major Haemorrhage and Trauma and the “believed” way forward. Obviously this is an area that has seen a great deal of change in the recent past and is still changing with the evidence from the various studies. The use of Tranexamic Acid is one of those changes, as well as putting more emphasis on taking care of the potential Coagulopathy in the Trauma patient. Following a break for coffee, Malcolm Needs presented and tested the audience on their antibody knowledge in an interactive session, with no wrong answers as he hadn’t brought his correct spectacles! This was followed by a case study on antibody identification.

Clare Milkins, BBTS President, presented as part of the Writing Group on the new BCSH pre transfusion guidelines. This was well received by the audience and the presentation raised a number of questions ably answered by Clare. We look forward to seeing these in print and in use soon.

During the excellent lunch and in the breaks delegates discussed the issues raised with colleagues from around the region and viewed the various sponsor stands; an excellent learning and networking opportunity.

Review of the afternoon sessions: Peter Larcombe: Consultant Neuroanaesthetist & RTC Chair

During the afternoon Malcolm Robinson led a session on electronic issue, reporting the experiences of his own organisation, Helpfully, the audience were able to highlight a number of problems in instigating electronic issue, which may now be avoided in other institutions.

Claire Milkins and Jenny White then spoke on the subject of Modernising Scientific Careers, which led to a lively discussion both during the presentation and over coffee. The day concluded with presentations from Judy Langham on SABRE MHRA reporting, and from Jenny White on mixed field reactions.

Feedback on all the presentations has been impressive. On behalf of the organisers, may we thank the large audience for attending, for their enthusiasm, and for their positive feedback.