

Unconfirmed Minutes of Regional Transfusion Committee Audit Group
Monday 25 March 2013
Room 2, Ashes Block, Building 8, Training and Education Centre
New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton

Present:

Mike Herbert	(MH)	RTC Audit Chair, The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr Charles Baker	(CB)	University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust
Dr Craig Taylor	(CT)	RTC Chair, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Caroline Tuckwell	(CMT)	Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust
Andrea Harris	(AH)	NHS Blood and Transplant
Suzy Biggs	(SB)	NHS Blood and Transplant

1. Welcome and Apologies

MH welcomed everyone to the meeting.
All attendees present.

2. Minutes and matters arising from Audit Group Meeting – 14 January 2013

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. O Neg Survey

The group discussed the O Neg report sent round by MH. A few points were made as follows:-

- All graphs need axis labelled.
- Page 4 – table needs clearer headings
- Page 7 – table 2 and graph 7 – need to recheck results
- Page 6 – take out comma and replace with fullstop
- Page 9 - graph 8 – need to look at outliers
- Page 10 – Q.17 Add paragraph regarding massive bleeding policy.
- ? add appendix – include an example of a SLA.
- Include a brief conclusion of key points and executive summary.

Action: MH to update report and e-mail group with new version

4. Regional Pre-Op Assessment

This survey questionnaire was discussed and two minor changes were suggested.
Circulate regionally after Easter Bank Holiday requesting responses by 17 May 2013.

Action: AH to make changes and SB to circulate regionally

5. Regional Platelet Audit

CMT had sent her initial rough draft by email for comment. The group discussed as follows:-
Survey tool:

- Q.3) to include more information about what policy triggers are. ? ask for copies of relevant policies
- Q.2) and Q.3) can be merged

- Q.4) Re massive haemorrhage – when are platelets indicated (according to policy). When MTP is activated, how are platelets ordered? (stock / blue light / ad hoc) – how many units do you order?
- Do you use TEG? If yes, do you issue them on the basis of TEG results alone? Yes, always, sometimes, never - add tick boxes. Is TEG networked to the lab?
- Q.7) ? separate question to neonates, children, adults – need to check BCSH guidelines.
- HLA matched platelets – ask about policy to check post transfusion increment count
- BSMS data – ask about wastage in last financial year.
- Ask how confident they are with BSMS platelet wastage data – scale of 1-10 (completely unconfident – very confident)
- Q.11). Ask “did you take part in the NCA 2008/09”?
- If using National Indication codes – does your lab have a field for recovering the information?

Plan to collect the data using Survey Monkey.

Audit tool:

- Need to determine number of cases per hospital to be audited – review hospitals 12 month issue data
- If wasted – use BSMS categories for wastage – allow for additional comments
- Change ‘routine ordered for this patient’ to ‘ordered for this patient?’
- If ad hoc delivery – ask if NHSBT driver / courier / self collection
- Over specification? – ask ‘for the patient who received them’
- Transfusion decision:
 - Change therapeutic to actively bleeding
 - Add pre-procedure (Y/N)
- What was the outcome (e.g. patient stopped bleeding / post transfusion platelet count)
- Add question re anti-platelet medication
- Haematology:
 - Clarify pyrexial
 - If transfusion is above threshold – is there a reason for this?
 - Is the patient receiving ATG / Velcade
- Cardiology:
 - Clarify elective, planned and scheduled
 - Ask if this was a primary procedure or a return to theatre
- Massive haemorrhage;
 - Ask if trauma or surgical bleeding

Both survey and audit will need an accompanying letter and guidance notes.

? when NCA anti-D due to go live – need to ensure this regional audit is not sent at the same time.

6. Future Plans

This agenda item was deferred until the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business

None reported.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Monday 24 June

1:30 - 4.00 pm

Room tbc - New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.