

Anaemia Programme Newsletter December 2023

BHNOG/Anaemia Virtual Conference 2024

The BHNOG virtual conference 2024 'The Blood Health Plan: Making it work for you' will be showcasing the innovative work being carried out in delivering the NHS Wales Blood Health Plan. The conference is due to take place on Tuesday 11th March 2024 09:45am - 04:00pm. If you are interested in attending and would like more information, please contact us on the email at the bottom of this newsletter. There will also be a poster competition, to view further information including the agenda for the day please visit <https://bhnog.wales.nhs.uk/events/>.



Patient Blood Management Education for Junior Doctor

The Anaemia Team are continuing to deliver Patient Blood Management (PBM) education sessions to F1 & F2 junior doctors across Wales. The last scheduled session will take place on Wednesday 17th January 2024 for Velindre University NHS Trust. An evaluation has been undertaken to date and work is ongoing to make improvements for the next cohort which going forward will be a planned rolling programme. The sessions for 2024-2025 will be scheduled in the new year. In addition, it is anticipated that other transfusion-based education sessions will be offered to this group of staff based on an identified need.

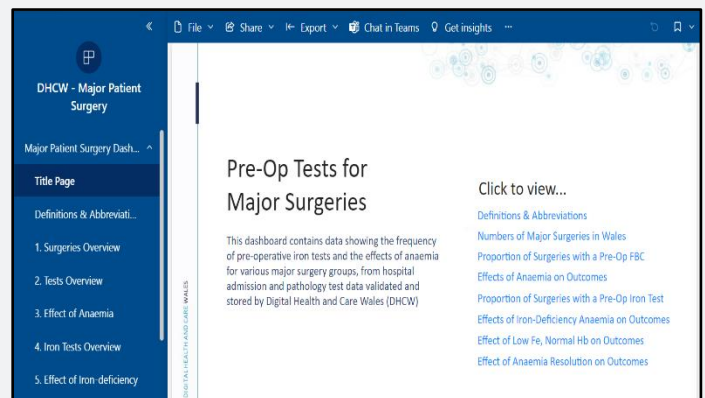


All Wales Anaemia Test Set update

Work has been ongoing within HBs to roll out the new All Wales preoperative anaemia testset (code POAS) in LIMS and locally within the Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP). This test set is built upon reflex testing to support streamlined anaemia diagnosis and identify underlying cause which will help with the management of anaemia in preoperative patients. Four out of the six Health Boards (HBs) in Wales are now using the testset in preoperative services. If you are interested in receiving more information about how the test set can support anaemia management within your area, please contact the preoperative anaemia programme team on the email address at the bottom of this newsletter.

Dashboard Webinar

The Anaemia team, in conjunction with Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW), delivered a lunchtime teams webinar showcasing the development work to date for the national preoperative anaemia dashboard. The dashboard contains data streams from a number of hospital derived sources and demonstrated the frequency of preoperative anaemia in high-risk surgical patients



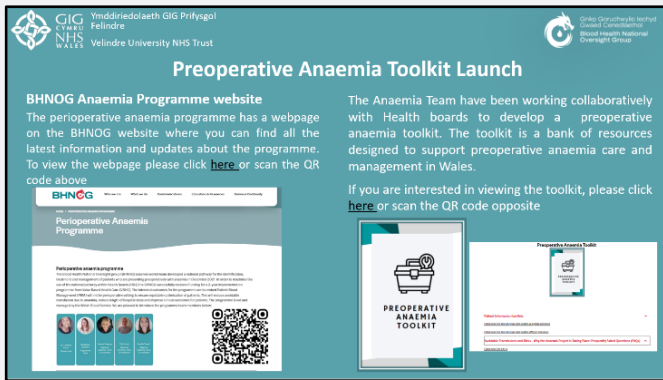
in Wales and subsequent frequency of iron testing. The webinar was recorded, if you would like to view a copy, please contact the anemia team on the email address at the bottom of this email.

Intravenous (IV) Iron Administration Training for Nurses

An IV iron administration education session for preoperative nurses has been scheduled by the Anaemia team in collaboration with iron reps. The session aims to support teams delivering IV iron therapy and will be delivered Victoria Carlyle who is a Clinical Educator, Registered Midwife and SME in the administration of IV iron. If you would like more information and if this training would be relevant to you, please contact the team on the email address at the bottom of this newsletter.



Anaemia Toolkit Launch



To coincide with World Iron Deficiency Day on 26th November the Preoperative Anaemia team are launching the new anaemia toolkit. The toolkit has been developed in collaboration with preoperative clinical staff and contains a standardised set of resources which aims of support anaemia management across Wales. The first batch of resources are complete and more will follow as the programme continues. To find

out more about the global impact of Anaemia on World Iron Deficiency Day please visit the World Health Organisation webpage [here](#).

To view the BHNOC Preoperative Anaemia toolkit please click [here](#)

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