



BHNOG Conference

We are holding a virtual BHNOG conference on Monday 11th March 10.00am – 16.00pm. The conference will support the launch of the NHS Wales Blood Health Plan 2024, focussing on the three key strategic aims identified in the plan. There will be a range of interesting and informative presentations covering topic areas such how genetic haemochromatosis (GH) can support the blood supply, patient consent, and diversity of the donor panel.

Poster Submissions

As part of the conference we would like to take this opportunity to invite health care professionals to submit posters for presentation. Full guidance regarding poster submissions is available at:

https://bhnog.wales.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/BHNOG-conference-2024_abstract-poster-guidance.pdf

We are really looking forward to receiving your abstracts. They should be sent by email to wbs.bloodhealthteam@wales.nhs.uk with subject



heading 'BHNOG conference 2024 abstract submission' by 5pm
Friday 26th January 2024.

CMV and Irradiated Blood Educational Posters

Blood Health National Oversight Group **GIG Cymru NHS Wales**

PREGNANCY AND CMV NEG BLOOD

PREGNANT!?
DO THEY NEED BLOOD?
STOP AND THINK
CMV NEGATIVE BLOOD IS INDICATED*

**In an emergency, to prevent delays blood of unknown CMV status should be used (SaBTO 2012) or when in delivery.*

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<https://www.bloodassist.co.uk>
Please scan the QR codes for the blood assist app for more information

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Irradiated Blood

Does your patient need Irradiated Blood?
STOP AND THINK
Consider does your patient have special requirements?

**In an emergency the provision of red cells must not be delayed by sourcing irradiated components for patients with the appropriate indication (BSH 2020)*

Some Immunosuppressant Therapies | Hodgkin's Lymphoma | Stem Cell Transplant

For guidance on these and other conditions use the Blood Assist App

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These educational posters have been developed to increase awareness of the use of special requirements in transfusion. They were approved by BHNOG in December and will be circulated to every Health Board in January 2024.

Independent Authorisation of Blood Component Transfusion (IABT) Policy

The revised All-Wales Independent Authorisation of Blood Component Transfusion (IABT) Policy has now been issued as a Welsh Health Circular



(WHC/2023/039). This revision of the existing policy, which was formerly referred to as Non-medical Authorisation of Blood Component Transfusion (NABT), continues to define the requirements for IABT practice in Wales.

Making the decision to transfuse blood component(s) (or not) involves having and using the relevant knowledge, skills and experience to appropriately assess the need of the patient, which should be done in accordance with patient blood management principles. The IABT policy is intended to facilitate the development of non-medical healthcare professionals so they can undertake this safely and improve patient care.

To read the policy in WHC/2023/039 [click here](#) and for more information [click here](#) .

Welcome to Dr Indu Thakur



We welcome Dr Indu Thakur MD MRCPH FRCPath Consultant Paediatric Haematologist who will be working part time for Velindre University NHS Trust in the Welsh Blood Service. Dr Indu Thakur has recently joined the WBS Blood Health Team as patient blood management lead.

This newsletter has been distributed on behalf of the Blood Health National Oversight Group.

Please feel free to forward to colleagues or other interested parties.

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