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BSMS Open Meeting Thursday May 10th 2007

Five good reasons why you should attend the 2007 Open Meeting!

1. To learn about effective supply chain management in the retail sector through our guest speaker Professor Alan Braithwaite.
2. To participate in workshop discussions on the NBS strategy and inventory management.
3. To raise issues on inventory management in the Open Forum
4. To network with colleagues and meet Trade partners.
5. To meet with the BSMS team and steering group members.

Registration closes Friday May 4th 2007. *Please ensure you are registered by this date.*
A registration form is available on www.bloodstocks.co.uk/openmeetings/2007/

Re-registration 2007

To ensure that the BSMS keeps up to date with hospital practice in participant hospitals we are asking everyone to complete re-registration forms. This also ensures that the facility for benchmarking on the charts menu is kept up to date with your practice.

Re-registration documents were distributed to all hospitals during March. At the beginning of April 120 hospitals had already responded; thank you for the prompt response.

If you have not yet responded please return the completed forms to the BSMS office by April 27th 2007.

If you have not received the re-registration mailing or if you have lost the forms please contact the BSMS office for a replacement at bsms@nbs.nhs.uk.

Fate of Donation Pilot

Since Aug 2004 the BSMS have been working with selected hospitals, LIMS suppliers, and NBS IT to develop the Fate of Donation (FOD) system.

On Monday 19 March 2007, the FOD pilot formally commenced with one hospital operating the Telepath software and one operating Clinisys Labcentre. It is intended that a further 3 hospitals will start the pilot during April.

An update on the outcome of the pilot and the future use of FOD will be given at the BSMS Open Meeting.

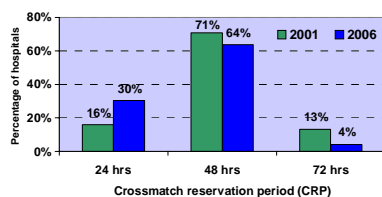
Inventory Practice Survey 2006

There was an excellent response to the 2006 Inventory Practice Survey on stock control and training with 263/307 (86%) of hospitals participating. The reasoning behind the questions was to determine changes in practice from earlier surveys from the period 2001 to the present.

Five key findings from the survey are: -

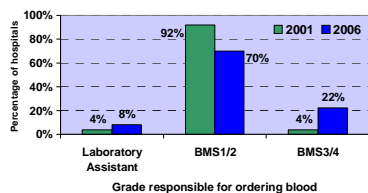
- 30% of hospitals that took part in the survey have a 24-hour reservation period
- Half of all hospitals have a specific person responsible for blood ordering
- Almost all hospitals have a standard operating procedure for blood ordering, which also includes ad-hoc ordering.
- 44% of hospitals have a stock share relationship with another hospital
- Two-thirds of hospitals include 'appropriate use of blood' on their medical induction programme

The 2006 Survey identified that changes have taken place over the six years of the Scheme in relation to blood inventory management and these are shown in the three charts below



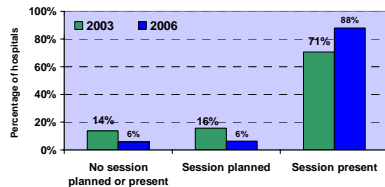
Crossmatch reservation period

The number of hospitals employing a 24-hour reservation period has increased from 16% in 2001 to 30% in 2006



Grade responsible for ordering blood

The number of BMS grade 3/4 with responsibility for ordering blood has increased from 4% in 2001 to 22% in 2006



Clinical transfusion training

The number of hospitals including a transfusion session in the medical induction programme has increased from 71% in 2003 to 88% in 2006

The report is available on www.bloodstocks.co.uk/reports/inventorypracticesurveys/

BSMS Goes International



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The BSMS is unique to the UK. The success of the Scheme has led a number of international colleagues to express an interest in its operation and the possibility of using the software. The countries include Ireland, Norway, Austria, Australia and the USA.

America's Blood Centers (ABC) is North America's largest network of community-based blood programs. Seventy-seven blood centres operate more than 600 collection sites in 45 U.S. states and Canada, providing half of the United States, and all of Canada's volunteer donor blood supply. These blood centres provide blood products and services to more than 4,200 hospitals and health care facilities across North America.

ABC are particularly interested in the Scheme and wish to pilot it with a blood centre and hospitals in Texas. The pilot will take place in the summer. Judith gave a presentation at the America's Blood Centre's annual meeting in Washington at the end of March where most of ABC's blood centres were represented.

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