Data Transparency Consultation

During the summer the BSMS undertook a consultation with hospitals to increase the transparency of BSMS hospital data to include the Blood Services.

The proposal was to extend the transparency of Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) hospital data to include NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) and in Wales to include the Welsh Blood Service.

Increased visibility of data between hospitals and blood services is already in place in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

The benefits of increasing data transparency are to enable improvements to the blood supply chain which will benefit both hospitals and Blood Services.

Outcome There was overwhelming hospital support for the proposal and the BSMS Steering Group agreed that the hospital data should be made available to NHSBT and WBS.

The BSMS Steering Group recommended that blood services and hospitals work together to ensure that both parties have an understanding of the issues affecting stock and wastage levels.

If you have any questions about data transparency please email the BSMS team at bsms@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Holding a stock of platelets or not?

One of the workshops at the regional roadshows held in May focussed on whether hospitals should hold a stock of platelets or not?

This is a question many hospitals are looking for answers to.

The workshops looked at the benefits, challenges and limitations of hospitals holding stock platelets and at the end of the regional meetings the BSMS team put together an algorithm to help hospitals make this important decision.

To view the simple to use algorithm for platelet stockholding decision making go to http://www.bloodstocks.co.uk/openmeetings/2011/workshop_feedback/index.asp
Coming soon!

A big thank you to all those participants who completed the BSMS Strategy Questionnaire.

The questionnaire focussed on the benefits resulting from participation in the BSMS together with the services that might be provided in the future that would contribute to improved stock management and/or support the appropriate use of blood in hospitals.

A summary report will be published in the New Year.

The BSMS Annual Report 2010/11 is currently being compiled and will be published during January 2011.

The annual report includes summary facts and figures from participating hospitals and Blood Services giving an insight into stock management across the blood supply chain.

An informative read......

The BSMS presented three posters at the BBTS meeting held in Glasgow during September 2011.

- How much blood is in the supply chain?
- A new method for calculating platelet usage categories in the BSMS
- Reduction of wastage in the blood supply chain by sharing stock

The posters can be downloaded from http://www.bloodstocks.co.uk/publications/posters/demandforecasting/index.asp

The BSMS have had a paper published in Vox Sanguinis


The study identified areas for time compression within the apheresis platelet supply chain to extend the shelf life for hospitals and reduce wastage for NHSBT.

Season’s Greetings
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