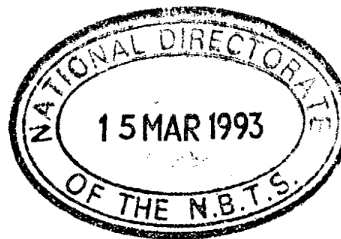


MINUTES OF THE EASTERN DIVISION MEDICAL MEETING
HELD AT COLINDALE B.T.C. ON THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 1993

Present:

Dr J F Harrison
Dr H Boralessa
Dr M Brennan
Dr B Brozovic
Dr L Caffrey
Dr M Contreras
Dr M de Silva
Dr A Gorman
Dr J Kemp
Dr M McDougall
Dr W Ouwehand
Col. M Thomas
Dr L Williamson

Chairman
Secretary



1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Culver-James, Dr P Hewitt, Dr E Ranasinghe, Dr S Knowles.

2. Terms of Reference and Future Programmes

Dr Harrison proposed that future meetings should be organized, chaired and minuted by the host centre. The topics for discussion should be decided in advance, the agenda and discussion papers should be circulated beforehand. Members agreed that meetings should be held quarterly and the venues for future meetings were agreed.

It was decided that the audit topics would be as follows:

Brentwood	11/5/93	Prevention of Rh immunisation - anti-D dosage.
South Thames	7/9/93	Donor selection and deferral.
ABSD	9/11/93	Autologous transfusion.
Cambridge	date to be agreed.	Irradiation of Blood Products.
North London	date to be agreed.	Reporting and follow-up of donor incidents.

3. Audit Report on Neonatal Exchange Transfusion

The report was circulated by Dr Ouwehand for discussion. It was agreed that the paper will be finalised and circulated. In addition, a retrospective survey of neonatal exchange transfusions in hospitals in the Division and a prospective survey of blood requested for neonatal exchange transfusion in Centres in the Eastern Division, will be undertaken.

4. Audit Report on Platelet Usage

This was not presented due to the unavailability of some of the data collected.

5. Dr de Silva

Dr de Silva presented an audit on the in depth follow-up of the usage of O negative red cells at eight hospitals in the North West Thames Region. The audit showed that O negative blood was not always used appropriately. Following the audit a policy was developed for the N.W Thames Region and circulated to Regional hospitals. Copies of this document were distributed at the meeting.

6. Date and Venue for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the Brentwood BTC on 11 May 1993 at 2.00 p.m. A sandwich lunch will be available from 1 p.m.