

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTERN DIVISION OF N.B.T.S. CONSULTANTS

HELD AT SOUTHAMPTON ON SEPTEMBER 13th, 1983

Present: Dr. F. Ala
Dr. M. Barnes
Dr. C. Entwistle
Dr. I. Fraser (Chairman)
Dr. A. Holburn
Dr. U. Jayaswal
Dr. A. Napier
Dr. D. Smith
Dr. P. Trenchard
Dr. T. Wallington

Apologies for absence were received from
Drs. Fisher, Ibbotson and Koster.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Matters arising:

Anti-A

Dr. Holburn reported that there was a large quantity of monoclonal Anti-A available for use. 100 ml aliquots had been sent to District General Hospitals for trial use. Dr. Holburn would be writing to Haematologists to assess their interest in this product.

3. The Minutes of the R.T.D. meeting in Cambridge on May 18th, 1983, were received.

Matters arising:

a) Dr. Entwistle reported that he had details of a refrigerated trailer and members were invited to ask for details.

b) Anti-D Birmingham R.T.C. have started a small trial of prophylactic antenatal anti-D in primips. No other Centre has yet started.

4. AIDS Leaflet

The leaflet had been distributed in all five regions with virtually no comment from donors. Birmingham had produced their own leaflets and have been distributing them for three months.

5. Administrators

The proposed terms of reference for Administrative Officers meeting were received without adverse comment.

6. Second survey of antiglobulin reagents

Dr. Holburn received the results of the survey carried out in May 1983. It would appear from the results that many of the antiglobulin reagents that are being issued to District General Hospitals are unsuitable.

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to standardisation of techniques and reagents, not just for antiglobulin reagents but for most serological reagents. It was felt that the British Blood Transfusion Society could set up a working group to produce a manual of techniques that would be continually updated.

7. Purchase of Blood Packs

All members felt there should be more than one manufacturer and that Centres should be allowed to arrange their own percentage split. There was general agreement that there should be a maximum discount to all Centres. It was also felt that all varieties of plasma packs (i.e. Wedge, tear-down, etc) could be received by the B.P.L.

8. N.B.T.S. Costing Form

This was received and any comments would be made at the R.T.D. meeting.

9. Supplies of blood to the private sector

All Centres had received many complaints from donors objecting to the private sector receiving "free blood". Everyone felt that a handling charge must be implemented as soon as possible. Bristol had received a letter from the National Union of Students who objected to the private sector receiving blood free of charge.

10. Plasma products surplus to requirements

Two Centres have an excess of H.P.P.F. at present. It was suggested that Dr. Lane be informed so that a temporary agreed reduction in bottles of H.P.P.F. for the two Centres could be arranged and that the excess be distributed to other Centres.

The next meeting will be held in mid January in Birmingham.