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This year's theme is O D Negative Red Cells - here today, gone tomorrow!

Dates and locations are:

2 May NHSBT Birmingham New Street, 9.45 am to 4 pm

9 May Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton Hotel, London, 9.45 am to 4 pm

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

[Download](#) an application form and flyer to register.

Clare Denison, Lead Specialist - Blood Stocks Management Scheme

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Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) website

There have been technical issues with the BSMS website. A [temporary page](#) is available on the Hospitals and Science website where new information will be published. Access to [VANESA](#) is available through the bloodstocks website as normal.

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New infographics produced by the Platelet Action Group

The infographics illustrate the key messages for the safe and appropriate use of platelets and have been produced for educating clinical and transfusion laboratory staff.

[View the infographics](#)

Jayne Addison, PBM Practitioner

New regional Stem Cell Collection Centre in Oxford for British Bone Marrow Registry donors

We are pleased to announce, in collaboration with Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the launch of a new regional medical and stem cell collection centre in Oxford for donors from the British Bone Marrow Registry (BBMR).

The service started 26 February and will provide BBMR donors in the South of England with access to medical and stem cell collection services outside of London.

The BBMR registry provides transplant patients from across the world with access to life saving stem cell transplants from allogenic (unrelated) donors.

For more information or to sign up to the registry please visit [BBMR](#).

Lydia Ball, Business Support Manager - TAS

Change to Pack Labels

As part of the move to ISBT128 compliant labels we will be running an end-to-end process check of the new transition labels. The check will be completed with several hospitals during April and May 2018. We expect to start the staggered go live of the transition labels by component in June/July 2018.

[Transition labels](#) will contain the current codabar format alongside the new ISBT128 format ensuring all component labels can be read in hospitals.

You need to ensure laboratory and clinical staff are aware of the change to the labels. We have produced a [poster](#) highlighting the changes for you to display in laboratories and in clinical areas.

Once we implement the transition labels there will be components in circulation with the current style labels (codabar) and transition labels (codabar and ISBT128). As stocks are replenished these will reduce but for frozen components these may be seen for the duration of the 3 year shelf life.

Final State Labels

The transition labels will remain in use to give sufficient time for hospitals to obtain 2D code readers and to update LIMS, blood tracking and other systems. We will continue to consult hospitals prior to confirming a move to the final state, ISBT128 labels.

EDN and VMI systems will continue to use codabar component codes until the final state label is introduced. A mix of transition state Labels (codabar and ISBT128) and final state labels (ISBT128 codes only) will exist after the final state go live. Systems will need to cope with both formats.

Specification for the future labelling of blood components prepared in the UK

The technical specification is currently being updated by the Standing Advisory Committee on Information Technology (SACIT) and it will be circulated as soon as available.

If you have any queries please email craig.wilkes@nhsbt.nhs.uk

For Training

Our [training events](#) are open to Hospitals and your attendance is welcomed. We look forward to meeting you.

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