



EBA Workshop Rare Blood Provision Draft Programme

Session 1: Donor Management 4 February 14:00 CET

Moderator: Dr Rekha Anand

14:00-14:05 Welcome

Pierre Tiberghien, EBA President

14:05-14:10 Introduction to the workshop

Peter van den Burg MD, PhD,
Department Transfusion Medicine, Sanquin, Netherlands

14:10-14:20 Introduction of donor management topic, highlights of Rare blood provision survey

Dr Rekha Anand, Consultant in Transfusion Medicine, NHS Blood and Transplant UK

14:20-14:45 Rare donors: who are they? Why are they important? Management of rare donors: the UK experience

Dr Rekha Anand, Consultant in Transfusion Medicine, NHS Blood and Transplant UK

14:45-15:10 Sickle Cell Disease and challenges in supplying rare blood: the French experience

Thierry Peyrard, PharmD, PhD, EuSpLM
Associate Director, Medical & Scientific Director of the National Institute of Blood Transfusion (INTS), Paris, France
Director of the National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (CNRGS), Paris
UMR_S1134 Inserm/University of Paris
Laboratory of Excellence LABEX GR-Ex, Paris

15:10-15:35 Rare Blood, the international experience – case studies and scope for improvement

Sandra J. Nance, MS, MT(ASCP)SBB,
Senior Director, IRLs, American Red Cross Biomedical
Services, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA

15:35-15:40 Introduction to break-out rooms' topics

15:40-15:55 Coffee break

16:00-16:45 Break-out rooms

Main session- Closing

16:45-17:15 Feedback from break-out sessions & conclusions

Dr Rekha Anand

17:15-17:30 Looking into the future & Closing

Dr Rekha Anand & Peter van den Burg



Session 2: Blood Group Typing
12 February 14:00 CET

Moderator: Nicole Thornton

14:00-14:05 Welcome

Pierre Tiberghien, EBA President

14:05:14:10 Introduction of workshop

Peter van den Burg MD, PhD,
Department Transfusion Medicine, Sanquin, Netherlands

14:10-14:20 Introduction of Blood Group Typing topic, highlights of Rare blood provision survey

Nicole Thornton
Head of Red Cell Reference, The International Blood Group Reference Laboratory
NHS Blood and Transplant, UK

14:20-14:45 Developing a successful rare donor screening program

Christof Weinstock
Head of the Department of Immunohaematology
German Red Cross Blood Service, Institute Ulm, and Ulm University, Germany

14:45-15:10 The logistical challenges of testing to find rare donors

Kathryn Tulley
Biomedical Scientist Advanced Specialist, IBGRL Red Cell Reference, NHS Blood and Transplant, UK

15:10-15:35 Serological testing vs. DNA testing to find rare donors

Christine Lomas-Francis
Technical Director, Laboratory of Immunohematology
New York Blood Center, NY, USA

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Session 3: Inventory & logistics
17 February 14:00 CET

Moderator: Ulrike Paulus

14:00-14:05 Welcome

Pierre Tiberghien, EBA President

14:05:14:10 Introduction of workshop

Peter van den Burg MD, PhD,
Department Transfusion Medicine, Sanquin, Netherlands

14:10-14:20 Introduction of Inventory & logistics, highlights of Rare blood provision survey

Ulrike Paulus
Consultant Haematologist (Tissues and Cell Donation and Transplantation)
NHS Blood and Transplant, UK

14:20-14:45 Looking to the future – how can the frozen blood bank community maximise benefits from sharing information and experience?

Nicole Thornton
Head of Red Cell Reference, The International Blood Group Reference Laboratory
NHS Blood and Transplant, UK

14:45-15:10 Organisation of the rare red blood cell supply in France

France Pirenne, MD, PhD
Medical Director, Etablissement Français du Sang Ile de France

15:10-15:35 Providing Rare Blood to Patients – Inventory, logistics and multiple antigen negative red cell units

Gwen Clarke MD FRCP
Associate Medical Director, Clinical Services
Canadian Blood Services

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