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Preamble:

Transfusion medicine (Blood Transfusion and Immunohematology) is a diverse and multifaceted discipline of clinical pathology. The responsibilities of transfusion medicine physicians in hospital blood transfusion service are more varied than those of most other medical specialties. It includes direct patient care and clinical consultation, medical direction of clinical testing laboratories, supervision of blood component manufacture and storage, inventory management and distribution, and regulatory compliance. *The transfusion medicine physician, therefore, must be adept at balancing patient care issues, regulatory standards, manufacturing principles, and resource limitations in meeting patient needs.*

In the last 20 years, clinical transfusion therapy has evolved from whole blood transfusion to blood components and derivatives. In addition, sophisticated technology now makes it possible to selectively remove blood components from donors or patients by a process called apheresis. While, many choices of blood products have complicated the physician's decision making process, it has also made hemotherapy more specific and effective. It becomes important that MD students are trained in this specialty so that they are properly equipped to render special consultative service.

The purpose of the course is to provide didactic education and practical training in all aspects of blood transfusion technology, to develop the knowledge required to analyze immunohematology problems, to provide expertise in blood center administrative policies such as donor recruitment, collection, storage, preservation, administration of blood and components and to develop those qualities needed for component supervisory and academic responsibilities.

SPECIFIC LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To impart composite training in fundamental and applied aspects of Transfusion Medicine at postgraduate level leading to degree of MD in Transfusion Medicine [Blood transfusion and immunohematology].
 - a) To understand the basic principles and concepts presented in the transfusion medicine core curriculum and develop a fund of basic knowledge in the field
 - b) To recognize problems in clinical medicine those are related to transfusion and apply concepts and principles in the core curriculum to clinical situations
 - c) To provide appropriate therapeutic solutions to transfusion medicine problems

2. To provide consultants and teachers in Transfusion Medicine in various medical colleges and institutions for operating a well organized & efficient transfusion services.
3. To recognize significance of important research in the advancement of transfusion medicine and to impart training and stimulate interest in research in the field of Transfusion Medicine.
4. To recognize motivational, organizational and managerial skills for efficient operation of blood center.

It is expected that at the end of the course, the blood transfusion specialist will be specifically equipped for the following tasks.

- Provide direction to academic blood center with regard to organization of the collection, preparation, storage, distribution and clinical use of blood and components.
- Promote optimal use of blood products and develop a system for clinical control of their use
- Participate in research in blood transfusion medicine and upgrade the scientific knowledge by continuing medical education
- Organize training program for manpower development in the field.

CURRICULUM

1. SUBJECT SPECIFIC THEORETICAL COMPETENCIES

Subject	Course content
Blood donation	Motivating factors for donation Whole blood donation Vs apheresis donation Types: allogeneic, autologous, directed Donor questionnaire and interview: Eligibility and deferral criteria Donor reactions and their management
Blood component preparation Composition & storage	Basic steps in component preparation & labeling Composition: volume, cellular, plasma and clotting factor content Storage conditions for components “Storage lesions” Quality control standards Specialized blood components – irradiated, volume reduced, CMV free, HLA matched
Plasma derivatives	Basic principles of preparation & composition Recombinant clotting & hematopoietic growth factors Clinical indications and dosage
Blood groups unexpected	Biochemical structure of major blood group antigens Clinically significant blood group antibodies Properties & significance of naturally occurring Vs antibodies
Pretransfusion testing	Patient specimen labeling requirements Patient / component identification requirements ABO / Rh, Red cell antibody screen, Cross match Abbreviation of compatibility testing in emergency
Transfusion indications	Red blood cells, Platelets, Plasma / cryoprecipitate, Granulocytes
Massive transfusion	Metabolic complications Dilutional coagulopathy Switching ABO / Rh types
Transfusion reactions	Diagnosis, Pathophysiology, Treatment, Prevention

Infectious complications	Bacterial, parasitic, viral, prions Current risk & Prevention strategies
Transfusion therapy in special patients	Hematology / Oncology Pediatric / neonatal Obstetric including intra uterine Cardiac surgery with CPB Burn patients & Trauma patients Transplantation: Stem cell / Bone marrow, Liver, Kidney
Hemolytic disease of new born	Pathophysiology Causative blood group antibodies Treatment & Prophylaxis
Hemoglobinopathy	Classification, Pathophysiology, Diagnosis & Transfusion therapy
Immune hemolytic anemia	Warm, Cold, Drug induced hemolytic anemia Compatibility testing issues Special transfusion needs
Thrombocytopenia	Immune thrombocytopenic purpura Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura Post transfusion purpura Fetal and neonatal thrombocytopenia
Neutropenia	Classification, etiology and treatment Granulocyte transfusion
Clotting factor disorders	Principle of hemostasis & coagulation Lab tests of coagulation status Selection and dosage of factor preparations Management of patients with inhibitors
Platelet refractoriness	Recognition and evaluation Calculation of CCI and platelet recovery Principles of HLA typing and platelet cross match Selection of appropriate platelet product
Transfusion alternatives	Synthetic and natural volume expanders Hemoglobin solution, Perfluorochemicals, Fibrin glue, Hemostatic agent
Autologous blood	Preoperative autologous deposit Perioperative blood salvage Acute normovolemic hemodilution

Laboratory management	Quality assurance and quality control Equipment procurement Writing policies and procedures Blood inventory management Look back Maximal surgical blood order schedule Hospital transfusion committee
Therapeutic apheresis	Principles of apheresis technology Indications, risk and benefits Replacement fluids Monitoring of patient and central venous canula
Stem cell collection & processing	Donor preparative regimen Collection technique and complications Cell count targets and engraftment monitoring Processing and storage
Regulatory / accreditation agencies	Drugs and cosmetics act of India Licensing requirements National blood policy, ISO / NABH, GMP Inventory management Donor notification and counseling

2. SUBJECT SPECIFIC PRACTICE BASED OR PRACTICAL COMPETENCIES

A] Immunology and Immunogenetics

Level I

- Understand the basic principles of immunoglobulins, antigen, antibody and complements.
- Understand complement activation pathways and their role in transfusion medicine
- Understand the antibody development after immunization and infection.
- Understand the principles of antigen antibody reaction and factors affecting these reactions.
- Understand the antigen systems of formed elements of blood such as red cells, platelets and leukocytes and be able to know their implications in transfusion medicine.
- Understand the principles of structural and functional evaluation of B cells, T cells, NK cells.
- Understand the principles of classification of primary immune deficiency diseases, including defects in humoral immunity, cellular immunity

- Understand the principles of basic genetics with regard to Mendelian law of inheritance, phenotype / genotype and population genetics.
- Know the nomenclature, organization and polymorphism of the human major histocompatibility complex, including HLA class I, II, and III genes.

Level II

- Know the Hybridoma technology and be able to understand its role in Immunohematology
- Understand the role of HLA typing in organ and bone marrow/stem cell transplantation and how HLA antigen mismatching results in allogeneic reactions in recipients.
- Know HLA typing techniques, including serological methods, microcytotoxicity assays, nucleic acid assays and lymphocyte culture techniques.
- Understand the HLA association with disease

B] Physiology of the formed elements of blood and hemostasis

Level I

- Understand the basic physiology and biochemistry of red cells, platelets and leukocytes in terms of their kinetics, function and life span
- Understand hemoglobin structure, synthesis, function and degradation.
- Know the membrane structure and function of red cells, platelets and leukocytes and be able to apply their implication in transfusion medicine
- Understand the principles of hemoglobin screening
- Describe iron and bilirubin metabolism
- Understand the physiology of hemostasis with regard role of platelets, coagulation pathway and fibrinolysis
- Understand the pathophysiology of thrombocytopenia and thrombocytosis
- Know the pathophysiology and laboratory features of intravascular and extravascular hemolysis.
- Develop basic understanding of hemostatic and thrombotic disorders:
 - Understand the coagulopathy of liver disease;
 - Understand the pathophysiology of vitamin K deficiency and antagonism;
 - Understand the laboratory evaluation of disseminated intravascular coagulation;

- Understand the pathophysiology of the hemophilias (A, B, and C)

Level II

- Understand hemodynamic of blood flow, estimation of blood volume and be able to interpret the application of radionuclides tagging for blood volume estimation
- Understand the pathophysiology of immune thrombocytopenia and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.
- Demonstrate competency in taking a bleeding history.
- Understand the general principles & clinical utility of platelet function testing.
- Understand the clinical utility of coagulation and thrombosis testing.
- Understand the general principles of screening coagulation tests (e.g., prothrombin time, activated partial thromboplastin time, fibrinogen, and thrombin time).
- Understand the International Normalized Ratio derivation and its clinical significance.

C] Blood Collection/Blood Center/Component Processing

Level I

- Describe the factors that influence the motivation of volunteers to donate blood
- Demonstrate professionalism in interactions with prospective donors.
- Be able to know the clinical relevance of directed donation
- Compare and contrast the eligibility requirements for allogeneic, autologous & apheresis blood donations.
- Understand various types of autologous blood collection and their application in clinical transfusion service
- Demonstrate proficiency in collection of whole blood with regard to preparation of phlebotomy site, proper volume and sample collection
- Demonstrate proficiency in evaluating and treating adverse reactions associated with blood donation/phlebotomy (whole blood and apheresis donations).
- Understand the factors influencing quality of blood bag for whole blood collection
- Demonstrate the proficiency in organization of out door blood donation camp and be able to understand importance of cold chain maintenance.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the indications for therapeutic phlebotomy.

- Outline the assay principles of required donor blood tests such as donor Hb for whole blood donation and platelet count for plateletpheresis and the associated confirmatory testing and describe donor re-entry algorithms.
- Understand the process of platelepheresis
- Summarize the steps in blood component preparation by different methods
- Know various factors affecting the quality of blood components
- Understand the significance of storage of blood components at appropriate temperature and demonstrate proficiency in compatibility, labeling requirements of various components

Level II

- Outline the necessary steps in donor notification and counseling associated with positive infectious disease testing results, and the donor look-back process.
- Understand various modifications of blood components such as irradiation, cell washing, volume depletion and leuko depletion
- Demonstrate proficiency in selection of apheresis machine, blood donor and be able to obtain apheresis product meeting quality standards
- Demonstrate proficiency in maintaining quality of blood components as per recommended standards by various agencies (AABB, EC, DCI)
- Understand process of plasma fractionation and summarize critical steps in preparation such as pooling, viral inactivation

D) Therapeutic Apheresis

Level I

- Summarize the principles of apheresis technology, including centrifugation, filtration, and immunoadsorption.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the indications for therapeutic apheresis and of the appropriate replacement fluids to be used in various situations.
- Demonstrate proficiency in evaluating and preparing patients for therapeutic apheresis, including discussion with the patient of the risks and benefits associated with apheresis procedures.
- Communicate effectively with clinicians regarding emergent or scheduled therapeutic apheresis procedures through conversations and writing of consult notes

Level II

- Demonstrate proficiency in evaluating and treating adverse reactions associated with therapeutic apheresis.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the treatment of patients using specialized methods (e.g., photopheresis and immunoadsorption columns).

E] Transfusion transmitted infection serology

Level I

- Understand the typical time course of appearance and disappearance of serum antigens and antibodies used in screening of major transfusion transmitted infection, including: HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, cytomegalovirus, bacterial / fungal / protozoal infections and syphilis,
- Understand and be able to interpret nontreponemal and treponemal antibody tests used to diagnose syphilis.
- Compare & contrast various methodologies such as ELISA, rapid & chemiluminescence used in screening of transfusion transmitted infections
- Demonstrate proficiency in proper disposal of bio hazardous material as per recommended standards

Level II

- Understand the feasibility of NAT in Indian blood transfusion services
- Demonstrate proficiency in the preparation and use of internal control in transfusion transmitted infection screening.

F] Clinical Transfusion Service

Level I

- Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of patient/ unit identification and pretransfusion testing, including ABO/Rh testing, RBC antibody screen, and antibody identification.
- Compare and contrast conventional cross matching versus type and screen using various advanced technologies such as gel, solid phase, and column agglutination.

- Recognize the symptoms and signs of hemolytic and nonhemolytic transfusion reactions and demonstrate knowledge of the pathophysiology, treatment, and prevention of these complications.
- Identify the major noninfectious complications of blood transfusions, including red cell alloimmunization, transfusion-related acute lung injury, transfusion associated graft versus host disease, volume overload, post transfusion purpura, iron overload etc and the risk of these complications, and strategies to prevent them.
- Choose appropriate blood components and derivatives based on a thorough knowledge of the indications for transfusion.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the pathophysiology, prevention, and treatment of hemolytic disease of the newborn. Recognize those antibodies in pregnant patients that are clinically significant and make appropriate recommendations for blood products.
- Demonstrate proficiency in preparation and transfusion of blood for intra uterine transfusion / exchange transfusion.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the pathophysiology and treatment of neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the evaluation and appropriate transfusion therapy of thrombocytopenic patients (both adult and pediatric).
- Apply the principles of a massive transfusion protocol.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of the principles of hemostasis and coagulation and proficiency in the initial treatment of patients with bleeding disorders.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the transfusion requirements of special patient populations (e.g., hematology/ oncology, pediatrics, thalassemia, transplantation, cardiac surgery and burn/trauma).

Level II

- Identify clinically significant RBC antibodies from an antibody panel including multiple alloantibodies and mixtures of alloantibodies and autoantibodies; determine how difficult it will be to obtain blood for this patient, and effectively communicate these results to clinicians.
- Demonstrate proficiency in evaluating and recommending treatment plans for complex transfusion reactions.

- Demonstrate familiarity with the appropriate use of highly specialized blood products (e.g., granulocytes, donor lymphocyte infusions, HLA-matched platelets, and coagulation factor concentrates).
- Demonstrate familiarity with the requirements of all applicable regulatory and accrediting agencies [e.g., DCI, NABH].
- Demonstrate competence in the management of blood inventory and the ability to communicate effectively the hospital's needs to the blood supplier.
- Demonstrate knowledge of various methods of blood conservation, including pre- and perioperative autologous blood collection, and approaches to “bloodless” surgery.
- Demonstrate proficiency in evaluating patient's refractory to platelet transfusions. Outline the principles of histocompatibility testing and platelet cross-matching and apply this knowledge in selecting appropriate platelet products when indicated.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the evaluation of patients with immune-mediated and non-immune-mediated hemolytic anemia and in the appropriate transfusion management of these patients.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, including collection, processing, and storage of these stem cell products, and the indications for use (e.g., bone marrow, peripheral blood, and cord blood).
- Develop an understanding of emerging areas of cellular therapy, including hematopoietic graft engineering and cellular immunotherapeutics.
- Develop and understanding of blood substitutes and hematopoietic agents

G) Regulatory Skills / Quality Assurance/ Quality Control in blood transfusion

Level I

- Demonstrate knowledge concerning the requirements of all applicable regulatory and accrediting agencies. [e.g., DCI, NABH, AABB].
- Become familiar with the patient / blood donor privacy and data security requirements, including the use of institutional review board (IRB) protocols for conducting clinical research.

- Understand training, certification, licensing, and competency assessment standards for transfusion laboratory professionals, including medical laboratory technicians.
- Understand the importance of a comprehensive transfusion laboratory safety policy and program.
- Understand how SOPs are used, developed, authored, and reviewed and their importance in mandatory laboratory inspection by various accrediting agencies.
- Understand the role of quality assurance, quality management, and process improvement principles in laboratory operation and planning.
- Be able to understand proper use of instrumentation and computerization in a transfusion laboratory

Level II

- Understand the role of risk management in the transfusion laboratory and become familiar with the nature of, patient safety initiatives, and forensic testing such as paternity testing.
- Compare and contrast the various means of performing blood utilization reviews.
- Explain the logistics required in determining appropriate blood inventory for a geographic region and the process of meeting daily, weekly and monthly collection goals.
- Demonstrate understanding of the elements of current good manufacturing practices as they apply to the collection, processing, and storage of all blood components / products
- Understand the principles & objectives of total quality management in transfusion service including premises, personnel, instruments / reagents, biosafety and external / internal quality control.
- Know fundamental concepts of medical statistics.
- Understand principles of specimen collection (e.g., phlebotomy technique, safety, and specimen tubes) and specimen processing.
- Recognize sources of preanalytical variation and the role of biological variability in laboratory assessment.

H. ADDITIONAL COMPETENCIES SPECIFIC TO TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

Patient Care

- Correctly classify transfusion reactions and give appropriate treatment recommendations.

- Choose appropriate cross-matching methods for various patients (e.g., electronic, immediate spin, and antiglobulin).
- Recognize and appropriately refer serological evaluations that are beyond the scope of a hospital-based transfusion service/blood bank.
- Correctly choose (or recommend) the appropriate blood product for patients with special needs.
- Triage and screen requests for blood components appropriately during inventory shortages.
- Demonstrate the ability to perform blood utilization reviews.
- Perform a donor interview and exam.
- Evaluate and perform initial management of whole blood and apheresis donor reactions.
- Write physician orders for peripheral blood hematopoietic stem cell collections and therapeutic apheresis procedures.
- Appropriately manage reactions that occur during peripheral blood hematopoietic stem cell collections or therapeutic apheresis procedures.
- Be able to apply recent developments in the field from research to clinical practice such as gene therapy, proteomics, microarray etc

Medical Knowledge

- Demonstrate understanding of and ability to interpret major regulations and guidelines that are applicable to collection, processing, storage, and release of blood and other cellular therapeutic products.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement

- Demonstrate the ability to develop new policies and procedures or change existing policies and procedures based on a review of the literature or issuance of new guidelines by regulatory agencies.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

- Demonstrate the ability to discuss the process of therapeutic apheresis with patients, and/or family members where appropriate; answer their questions; and obtain informed consent.

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Skill I = corresponds roughly to the types of activities and responsibilities that a first- and/or second-year MD student would be engaged in, that is, the level of achievement to be attained during the student's first exposure to the discipline as a postgraduate

Skill II = corresponds to the achievements expected of a third year MD student that is, the higher level of responsibility and expertise that one would acquire and consolidate during repeat exposure to the discipline.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Theoretical training

Didactic lectures

Typical examples of transfusion medicine didactic lectures

Lecture topic	Content
Blood component therapy	Various kinds of blood components, methods of preparation, composition of components, storage and cross matching requirements, component modification, special components
Adverse effects of transfusion (Immune)	Recognition, testing, treatment, prevention strategies for hemolytic transfusion reaction, allergic anaphylactoid reaction
Adverse effects of transfusion	Recognition, testing, treatment, prevention of septic reactions, TRALI, TAGvHD, PTP, iron overload
Transfusion transmitted infection	Risk, clinical significance, testing, prevention strategies, for viruses, parasites, prions
Apheresis	Principles, techniques, instrumentation for donor and therapeutic apheresis, indications and treatment plan for therapeutic apheresis,
Red cell antibody detection	Perform and how to interpret antibody panels with single / multiple antibodies, evaluation of auto antibodies

- Journal Club
- Web learning: On-line literature reviews and peer-reviewed articles
- Hospital transfusion / blood usage committee meeting

- Grand rounds, seminars, conferences, and lectures
- Regional or national transfusion meetings, Web-based lectures, and audio-conferences
Students should be encouraged to present abstracts in meeting of the ISBTI and ISHTM.
- Research Projects
Students should be given the opportunity to participate in applied or basic science projects related to transfusion in addition to their MD dissertation.

Practical training of students in transfusion medicine

Typical examples of department rotation of students

Title	Content of training activities	Learning objective
Orientation [1 month]	Brief orientation to computer system, blood bank activities, teaching program	Be conversant with computer system & operation of blood bank activities
Blood donation [3 months]	Donor recruitment & motivation, Donor selection Phlebotomy, Post donation care of donor, Out door blood donation	Should be able to select the donor, perform phlebotomy with aseptic precautions, and manage donor reactions
Apheresis – donor and therapeutic [2 months]	Access evaluation, donor suitability, selection of machine, product manipulation, QC of product, donor observation for adverse effects and its management Indications, contra indications, replacement fluids, frequency, monitoring of TPE	Should be able to perform the procedure independently, obtain quality product and manage any adverse effects Should be able to select proper patient, machine, plan TPE, select replacement fluids and monitor the patient
Component preparation & QC [5 months]	Preparation of blood components. Product manipulation such as Leucocyte removal or Irradiation. Storage & quality control	Should be able to understand factors affecting quality of components,
Immunohaematology [5 months]	Diagnosis & transfusion support in AIHA, PNH Evaluation of transfusion reaction. Investigations in antenatal serology. ABO-Rh typing, antibody screening, identification, evaluation of positive DAT	Should be able to interpret immune hematological tests. Should be able to provide consultation to physicians regarding transfusion management
Pretransfusion testing & cross match [5 months]	Investigation of difficult cross match, formal consultation on transfusion support in complex cases, checking indications & dosage for blood components, emergent issue of blood, transfusion in special cases such as massive transfusion, organ transplantation, platelet refractoriness.	Should be able to provide consultation on transfusion therapy. Should be able to resolve difficult & complex cross matching problems. Ensure appropriate and judicious use of blood and components
Transfusion Transmitted infection screening [5 months]	Screening for various markers such as HIV, HCV, HBsAg, Syphilis. Methodology such as Elisa, spot, rapid, automated analyzer NAT techniques such as PCR, TMA. Laboratory safety	Should be able to understand blood screening principles and disposal of reactive units. Should be able to validate ELISA, maintain QC

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Quality control/ records [2 months]	Quality control of components, equipment, reagents. Quality assurance. Development of documents, SOPs, Regulatory compliance	Should be able to understand QC principles, Recognize common management & regulatory issues, identify management strategies
PBSCT [1 month]	Processing, storage, thawing, infusion of PBSC. Immuno-hematological monitoring of ABO mismatch transplants, Transfusion support – irradiation, CMV issues	Describe common procedures and basic concepts behind PBSC processing and cellular product therapies.
Elective [1 month]		

Training in allied departments:

Students should be sent for training for 6 months in allied laboratory and clinical departments.

Laboratory areas subjects:

- Complete hemogram
- Work up of hemolytic anemias
- Reading peripheral smear
- Bone marrow aspiration
- Coagulation work up
- HLA typing
- Isolation of lymphocytes
- CD4/ CD8 / CD 34 counts using flow cytometry
- Immunofluorescence
- Bacterial culture, Grams staining
- Special molecular techniques

Clinical Department subjects:

- Transfusion support for thalassaemia, haemophilia, leukemia, solid organ transplantation
- Platelet transfusion therapy and its monitoring
- Neonatal exchange transfusion
- Bed side management of transfusion reactions
- Intraoperative hemodilution, Use of Cell saver, Intraoperative Blood salvage

ASSESSMENT

END ASSESSMENT, NAMELY, ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF TRAINING

Exams shall be conducted as per MCI norms as well as university concerned which is awarding the degree.

Theory papers: 100 Marks each paper

Paper I Basic applied aspects related to Transfusion Medicine

Paper II Immunohaematology, immunogenetics, and applied serology

Paper III Blood donor organization, Technology of components, clinical hemotherapy.

Paper IV Recent advances & technology.

Question paper – 10 short note type questions carrying 10 marks each, No choice in short notes.

Dissertation – Guidelines as per MCI. Students must select thesis within 4 months of joining, and submit protocol & get approval in 6 months. Thesis must be submitted 6 months prior to exam.

Practical examination pattern–

A] Laboratory and clinical skill: Minimum of 6 exercises (*stations*) covering all aspects of Transfusion Medicine. Some examples are as under.

- blood donor / apheresis donor selection,
- blood processing,
- component preparation,
- immunohematology,
- antenatal serology
- transfusion reaction management
- quality control of reagents, equipment, components
- coagulation testing,
- basic hematology tests,
- transfusion transmitted infection screening
- stem cell transplantation

Minimum of 6 exercises shall be given to each candidate. The duration of each exercise shall vary from 30 min to 1 hour. Each exercise or *Station* shall be followed by Viva on the particular exercise.

B] Clinical case discussion (6 / candidate)

There shall be minimum 6 Hemotherapy exercise and administrative issues for each candidate. The candidate is required to make his own assessment of the problem and come out with solutions.

C] Spots (minimum 10)

D] Communication / presentation skills

The candidate will be required to present a topic of his / her own choice in power point format for 10 min. The candidate will be examined on the presentation style, communication skill, slide design and content.

E] Video review

The candidate will be shown a power point presentation or video presentation of minimum 10 clinical / laboratory situations. The candidate will be required to answer on each situation. For example, candidate may be shown picture of chest X ray with pulmonary edema developing after FFP infusion. The candidate will be asked to give different possibilities and their investigations.

F] Thesis defense

G] Log book discussion

H] Grand Viva Voce

RECOMMENDED READING

A. BOOKS

1. Blood transfusion in clinical medicine, Ed. Pl mollison, 8th edition, Blackwell Sci. Pub. Oxford.
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6. Modern blood banking & transfusion practices., Ed. Denise M Harmonge, 4th edition, FA Davis, PA 1994
7. Applied blood group serology, Ed. PD Issit, Montogmerry Sci. Pub Florida, 1994
8. Clinical Blood Transfusion, Ed LA Kay, ER Huehns, Churchill Livingstone, London 1986
9. The Human blood groups, Ed PH Anderson, CC Thomas, Springfield, USA
10. Fundamentals of immunohematology: Theory & techniques, Ed. ML Turgeon, Lea & Febiger, 1989
11. Scientific basis of transfusion medicine: Implications for clinical practice, Ed Anderson, PM Ness, Saunders, 1994

LIST OF JOURNALS

1. Vox Sanguinis
2. Transfusion
3. Transfusion medicine review
4. Transfusion Medicine
5. Transfusion Science
6. Journal of clinical apheresis

Model question paper (theory) for M.D. Transfusion Medicine

Paper I: Applied aspects of Basic Sciences

Paper-I

1. Newer methods of blood group reagent preparation
2. Structure of Hemoglobin
3. Mendelian theory of inheritance
4. Types of lymphocytes and its function
5. Alternatives to blood transfusion
6. Kari Landsteiner
7. Pathophysiology of Paroxysmal Nocturnal hemoglobinuria
8. Blood volume determination
9. Laboratory diagnosis of G6PD deficiency
10. Principles and various types of ELISA testing

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Paper – II: Immunohematology, Immunogenetics and applied Serology

Paper – II

1. Diagnosis of Auto Immune Hemolytic Anemia (AIHA)
2. Bombay phenotype
3. Enzymes in red cell serology
4. Importance of HLA in renal transplantation
5. ABO discrepancies: types & resolving
6. Secretor status & its importance
7. Leuco-agglutinins
8. Platelet transfusion in Immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)
9. Classification and diagnosis of transfusion reaction
10. Discuss the problems & techniques in cross matching for neonatal transfusion.

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Paper – III: Blood Center Operation, donor organization, blood preservation and
Technology or Components.

Paper – III

1. Role of Blood donor counseling
2. Anticoagulants & preservatives for blood storage
3. Medico-legal aspects of blood transfusion services in India
4. Preparation & uses of cryoprecipitate
5. Method of leucodepletion
6. G M P in blood bank laboratories
7. Requirement & preparation of outdoor blood donor program
8. Intra-operative hemodilution technique
9. Uses of growth factors
10. How does donor selection influence blood safety?

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Paper-IV: Recent advances in Transfusion Technology and hemotherapy

Paper-IV

1. Peripheral blood stem cell transplantation
2. Viral inactivation of cellular blood products
3. Perfluorocarbons & its uses
4. Current trends in the management and prevention of beta Thalassemia
5. Role of information technology in blood donor motivation
6. Principles, advantages & disadvantages of different apheresis machines
7. Diagnosis & component therapy in disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
8. Indications & quality control of irradiated blood products
9. New emerging transfusion transmitted pathogens
10. Molecular epidemiology of HCV in India