MHPs in small rural hospitals: challenges and successes

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Objectives

 Discuss barriers to implementation and/or successes of implementing the Ontario MHP from the perspective of a 'small hospital'



InterHospital Laboratory Program

- Huron Perth Health Care Alliance
- Stratford
 Hospital Site –
 Regional Hub
 Lab
- St. Marys Hospital Site

Huron Health System

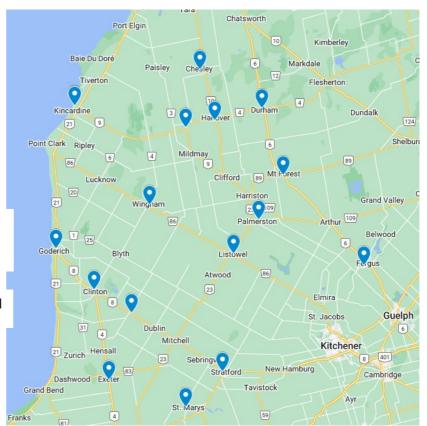
- Clinton
 Hospital Site
- Seaforth Hospital Site

- Hanover & District Hospital
- Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance
- Groves Memorial Community Hospital
 - North Wellington Health Corporation
- Listowel Memorial Hospital
- Wingham & District Hospital

- Louise Marshall Hospital
- Palmerston & District Hospital

- South Bruce Grey Health Centre
 - Chesley Hospital Site
- Durham Hospital Site
- Kincardine Hospital Site
- Walkerton Hospital Site

- Alexandra Marine & General Hospital
- South Huron Hospital

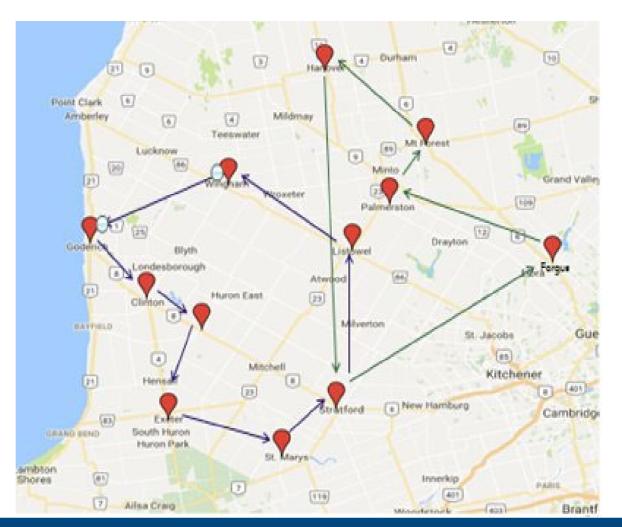


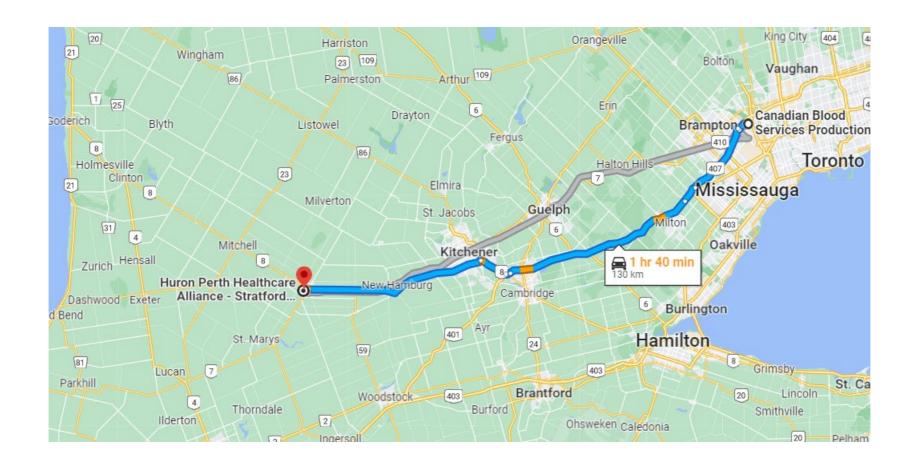
InterHospital Laboratory Program

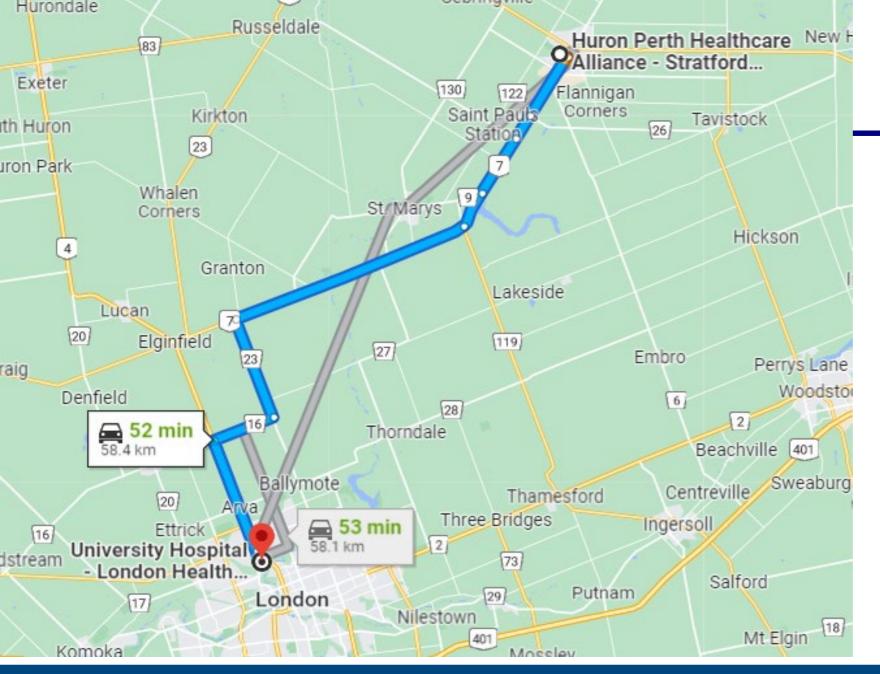
| Number of Hospitals | 16 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of Beds | 499 |
| Number of Physicians | 200 |
| Number of Regional Staff | 4 (3.5 FTE) |
| Number of CEOs | 6 |
| Number of Pathologists | 9 (incl. Lab Dir) |
| Number of Technical Directors | 6 |
| Total Laboratory Staff (FTE) | 128.2 |
| Total Laboratory Tests | 2,074,524 |
| Population Served | 331,000 |

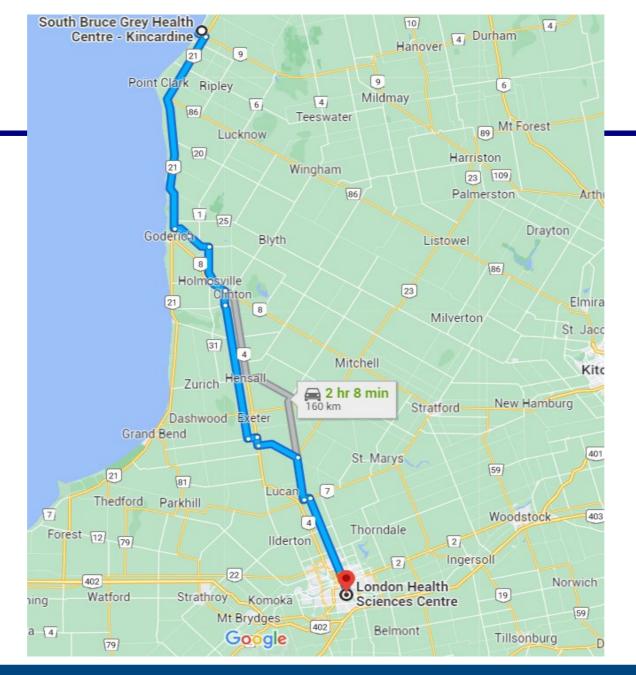
Inter Hospital Laboratory Program

- ~20,000 km²
- No trauma centers









CHECKLIST FOR ONTARIO HOSPITALS TO GUIDE MASSIVE HEMORRHAGE PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION

| Element | Date Completed | Name & Signature |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Review Ontario MHP toolkit and checklist | | |
| Identify gaps between current hospital MHP (if exists) and Ontario MHP toolkit and checklist | | |
| Meet with MHP hospital steering committee (or hospital transfusion committee) to discuss gaps and eliminate gaps or development of a new draft hospital MHP | | |
| Draft of revised/new hospital MHP protocol reviewed by the Transfusion Committee for compliance within the hospital's capabilities | | |
| Circulate draft MHP protocol to hospital stakeholders for consultation | | |
| MHP approved by Transfusion Committee (or equivalent) as conforming with provincial MHP within the hospital's capabilities | | |
| MHP approved by Medical Advisory Committee (and/or other committees as required by hospital policy) | | |
| Identify items required for implementation of the MHP (e.g., coolers, phones) | | |
| Identify any validations required for implementation (e.g., coolers, platelet bags, electronic order sets) | | |
| Set up "Code Transfusion" with hospital administration, communications/switchboard | | |
| (this may include editing of lanyard cards and other lists of Codes) | | |
| Communicate existence and content of MHP with local land and air Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider and dispatch centres, clarify their role | | |



Staffing shortages at small-town Ontario hospitals still shutting some ERs

'We're dealing with probably the worst staffing crisis we've experienced in decades,' hospital head says



Rebecca Zandbergen · CBC News · Posted: Jul 19, 2023 11:51 AM EDT | Last Updated: July 19





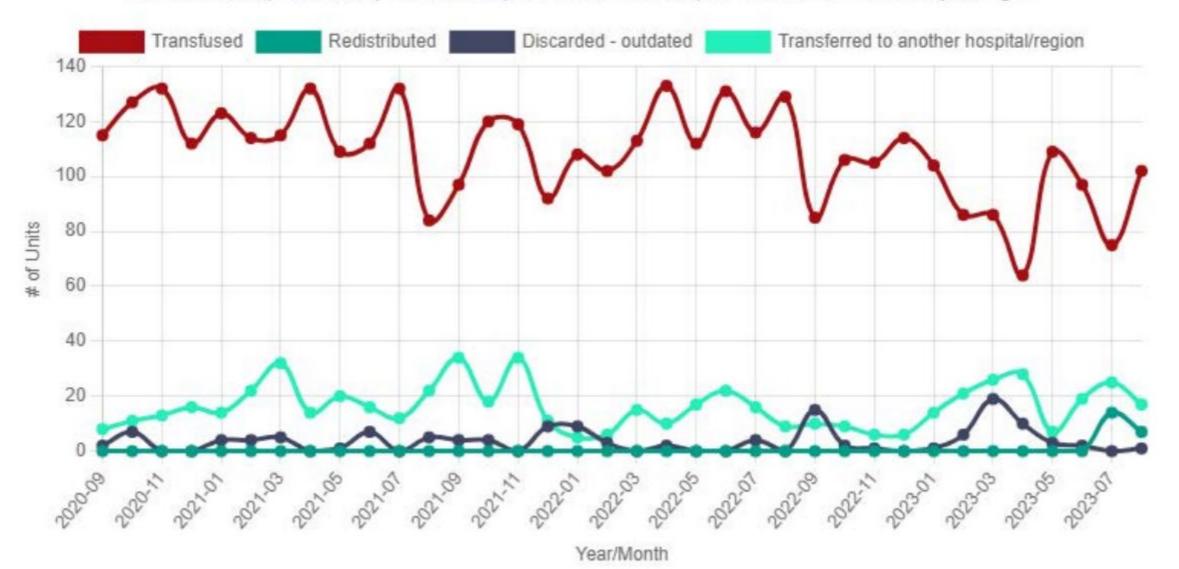
Inventory management



| IHLP Site | Green Phase Red Cell Volumes Amber Phase Red Cell Volumes Red Phase Red Cell Volumes | | | | | es | Typical Volumes of Products | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|----|
| INLF Site | O Pos | O Neg | A Pos | A Neg | Total | O Pos | O Neg | A Pos | A Neg | Total | O Pos | O Neg | A Pos | A Neg | Total | FP | PCC | FC |
| Exeter | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| Goderich | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| Hanover | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 4 |
| HPHA - Clinton | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | | 6 | 4 |
| HPHA - Seaforth | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | | 6 | 4 |
| HPHA - St. Marys | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | | 6 | 4 |
| HPHA - Stratford | 12 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 38 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 30 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 14 | 10 | 6 |
| LWHA - Listowel | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 4 | | 8 | 8 |
| LWHA - Wingham | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 10 | 4 | 2 | | 1 | 7 | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 4 | | 8 | 8 |
| SBGHC - Chesley | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 4 | 4 |
| SBGHC - Durham | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 4 | 4 |
| SBGHC - Kincardine | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 10 | 3 | 4 | | | 7 | 3 | 4 | | | 7 | 0 | 6 | 4 |
| SBGHC - Walkerton | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 10 | 3 | 4 | | | 7 | 3 | 4 | | | 7 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| WHCA - Fergus | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 6 | 4 | 2 | | 12 | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 5 |
| WHCA - Mt. Forest | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 10 | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 10 | 4 | 4 | | 0 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| WHCA - Palmerston | | 4 | | | 4 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 12 | 5 |
| IHLP Totals: | 54 | 62 | 19 | 19 | 156 | 50 | 48 | 12 | 10 | 120 | 38 | 46 | 6 | 4 | 94 | 30 | 113 | 85 |

Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance - Stratford General Hospital Site

Red Blood Cells, Transfused, Redistributed, Discarded - outdated, Transferred to another hospital/region



Infrastructure









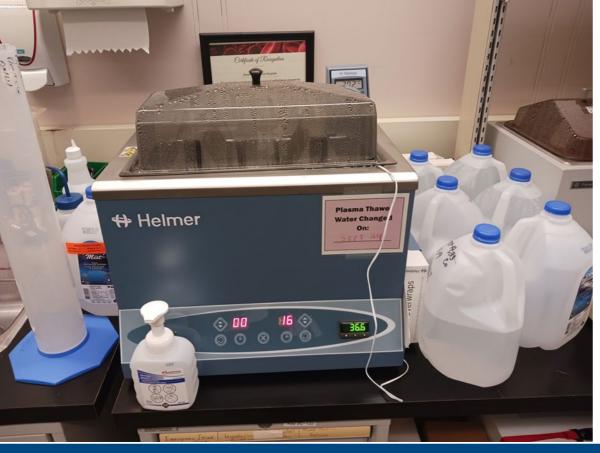


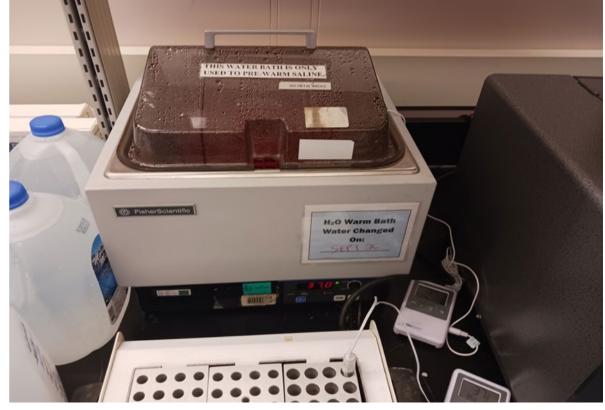


FFP vs. PCCs

At institutions lacking sufficient resources to issue plasma (e.g., no thawing device or no plasma stocked in inventory), Prothrombin Complex Concentrates (PCC) 2000 IU can be substituted for coagulation factor replacement.

| | FFP | PCCs |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Time to availability | ~ 30 minutes | ~20 minutes |
| Preparation requirements | Thawing (MLTs) -Needs plasma thawer or water bath | Reconstitution (Nursing) -Needs appropriate nursing training |
| Volume: | ~1000mLs | 40-80mLs |
| Donor requirements: | AB donors | No specific donor requirements |
| Staffing requirements: | Requires MLTs on site | Usually done by nursing |













How to reconstitute PCC (Prothrombin Complex Concentrate)



Most plasma transfused is unnecessary

| Study | Country | Number of infusions | Patient type | Percent unnecessary |
|--|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| ORBCON audit (report) audit 201 <i>5</i> | Canada | 329 | All patients | 52% |
| Shih et al Vox Sang 2015 | Canada | 111 | ICU | 45% |
| Tinmouth et al Transfusion 2013 | Canada | 559 | All patients | 29% |
| Stanworth et al. Crit Care 2011 | UK | 366 | ICU | 43%* |
| Stanworth et al Transfusion 2011 | UK | 3648 | All patients (included kids) | 58%* |
| Palo et al. Transfusion 2006 | Finland | 11590 | All patients | 66%* |

^{*}estimated from tables and texts

Indications for Plasma

To determine if plasma is indicated for abnormal coagulation test results, the cause of the elevation must be determined (i.e., liver disease vs. warfarin effect vs. single factor deficiency). See Bloody Easy Coagulation Simplified, Second Edition⁶⁸ for details. The reasons for this are as follows:

- There are numerous replacement options and the correct one must be selected for the patient (i.e., Plasma vs. Prothrombin Complex Concentrates (PCC) vs. single factor concentrate).
- Warfarin effect and vitamin K deficiency can often be managed with intravenous/oral vitamin K alone.
- Patients with liver disease have preserved thrombin generation despite elevated INR levels and often do not need correction of the abnormality before procedures.
- Patients with isolated high PTT (and normal INR) are often best managed with strategies other than plasma.
- Patients on anticoagulants are never appropriately managed with plasma.⁶⁸
- Bleeding or prior to a significant operative procedure in patients INR ≥1.8 due to multiple factor deficiency when no coagulation factor concentrates or other alternative therapies are available.⁶⁹
 - Repeat INR after infusion of plasma to ensure replacement is adequate.

ATTENTION

IV Vitamin K works faster than oral.

ATTENTION

Plasma is NOT indicated or effective for reversal of heparin, low molecular weight heparin, or direct oral anticoagulants

CHOOSE WISELY

Don't transfuse plasma in the following situations:

- ◆ Bleeding and INR <1.8
- Procedure and INR <1.8
- INR elevated but patient is not actively bleeding
- · Warfarin reversal
- Heparin/LMWH reversal
- Direct oral anticoagulant reversal
- High aPTT with normal INR

COMPONENTS: Frozen Plasma

Indications for Plasma (cont'd)

Note: 70,71,72,73

- Prothrombin complex concentrates (PCCs) should be used for urgent reversal of warfarin therapy or treatment of vitamin K deficiency in a bleeding patient OR a patient requiring an emergency invasive procedure. Vitamin K (5-10 mg i.v.) should also be given. See page 122 in this guide.
- For non-emergent reversal of warfarin or vitamin K deficiency, vitamin K alone should be used.
 - For patients without bleeding and INR >10 due to warfarin, 2 mg of oral Vitamin K will bring INR within the therapeutic range over 24-48 hours.
 - After intravenous administration, Vitamin K effect can be detected after 2 hours and the INR should be normalized after 6-24 hours.
 - SC and IM Vitamin K is NOT recommended due to variable absorption: intravenous formulation can be used orally when required.



Pediatrics 74

Vitamin K dose:

- INR >5–9: 1 to 2 mg oral.
- INR ≥9: 5 mg oral.
- Significant bleed in infants and children: 5 mg IV OR 30 mcg/kg IV.
- Microvascular bleeding or massive transfusion AND patient's clinical status precludes waiting 30-45 minutes for INR results.¹⁸
- 3. Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

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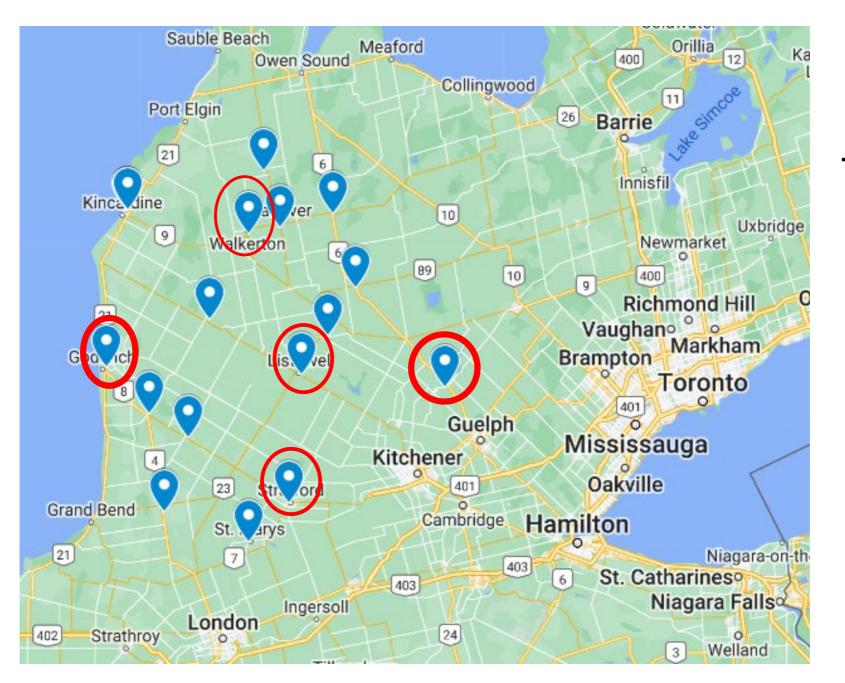
Ratio based replacement (i.e., 2:1 RBC:FP) with FP not indicated unless the massive hemorrhage protocol has been activated



Testing

"The recommended minimum laboratory testing (where the test is available) at each blood draw should be: CBC, INR, activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT; baseline only), fibrinogen, electrolytes, calcium (ionized), blood gas (pH and base excess) and lactate"





Fibrinogen testing

MHP activations should be reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee for quality assurance.

 "Compliance with MHPs is poor during the resuscitation of a critically ill patient who has multiple competing priorities. Implementation of an MHP is just the first step to improving the care of massively bleeding patients; training, simulations, check-lists, audit and feedback are needed to achieve high levels of performance. At a minimum, the quality metrics listed in statement should be tracked on consecutive MHP activations by a multidisciplinary team with feedback to the frontline staff at regular intervals."



| | Quality metric | Local Reporting | Provincial Reporting |
|----|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Q1 | The proportion of patients receiving tranexamic acid within 1 hour of protocol activation. | x | x |
| Q2 | The proportion of patients in whom RBC transfusion is initiated within 15 minutes of protocol activation. | x | х |
| Q3 | The proportion of patients (of patients requiring transfer for definitive care) with initiation of call for transfer within 60 minutes of protocol activation. | x | |
| Q4 | The proportion of patients achieving a temperature >35°C at termination of the protocol. | x | |
| Q5 | The proportion of patients with hemoglobin levels maintained between 60- 110 g/L during protocol activation, excluding certain pediatric populations (e.g., neonates) that may require higher hemoglobin values. | × | |
| Q6 | The proportion of patients transitioned to group specific RBCs and plasma within 90 minutes of arrival/onset of hemorrhage. | x | х |
| Q7 | The proportion of patients with appropriate activation (>6 RBC units in first 24 hours; >40 ml/kg/24 hours of RBCs in pediatric patients) or before this level in patients dying due to hemorrhage within 24 hours. | x | |
| Q8 | The proportion of patients without any blood component wastage (including plasma that is thawed and not used within the 5 day limit on another patient). | х | |

A Quality Metrics data entry reporting portal is being developed using REDCap software.

Stay tuned for more info

| Speaker | Registration & Coffee | 0800 |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| | Live Interactivity Learning: Poll the audience | |
| Dr. Andrew Petrosoniak | Welcome | 0830-0835 |
| Dr. Chantalle Grant | A look at the last five years: Results of provincial survey | 0835-0855 |
| Dr. Andrew Petrosoniak | Live Interactive Learning: Q&A | 0855-0905 |
| Key Note Address | Patient Story | 0905-0925 |
| Dr. Nicolas Crombie (UK) | Pre-hospital Services: What's happening abroad | 0925-0945 |
| Dr. Brodie Nolan | Pre-hospital Services: What's happening in Ontario | 0945-1005 |
| Dr. Andrew Petrosoniak | Live Interactive Learning: Q&A | 1005-1020 |
| | Nutrition Break | 1020-1035 |
| Dr. Heather VanderMeulen | Activation: MHP in OB Hemorrhage | 1035-1055 |
| | Live Interactivity Learning: Q & A | 1055-1100 |
| Dr. Jordan Radigan | MHP Implementation: Experience from a small hospital | 1100-1120 |
| Dr. Katerina Pavenski | MHP 2.0: Addressing potential barriers to change/gaps in recommendations and practice | 1120-1140 |
| Dr. Andrew Petrosoniak | Live Interactive Learning: Q&A | 1140-1200 |
| Diri maren rea oboman | Networking Lunch Break | 1200-1245 |
| Dr. Andrew Petrosoniak & | Advanced Performance Session : Clinical debrief | 1245-1400 |
| Kari White | Interactivity Group Work | (30 mins) |
| | Provincial Quality Metrics Portal: Launch and results of pilot | |
| Dr. Kimmo Murto | Pediatric Perspective | 1400-1420 |
| Dr. Daniel Roque | Adults | 1420-1440 |
| Dr. Katerina Pavenski | Live Interactive Learning: Q&A | 1440-1455 |
| | Nutrition Break | 1455-1505 |
| | Top papers / new evidence: | |
| Dr. Luis Da Luz | Coagulation factors in trauma resuscitation (PROCOAG trial / FIIRST2 | 1505-1525 |
| | trial) | |
| Dr. Johnny Mack | Efficacy and Safety of cold-stored whole blood | 1525-1545 |
| Dr. Katerina Pavenski | Live Interactive Learning: Q&A | 1545-1600 |
| Dr. Katerina Pavenski | Closing Remarks: What's next | 1600-1615 |

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MHP Quality Metrics

Presented by: Dr. Daniel Roque and Dr. Katerina Pavenski





Thank you