

United Blood Services offers P.A.C.E.® accredited continuing education programs on CD:

OOPS! Is that an antibody? Antibody Detection and Identification

Program Number 605-003-05 (Program expires on 12/31/07); Intermediate Level; 2 Contact Hours
Marie P. Holub, MA, MT (ASCP) SBB, Education Coordinator for Blood Systems Laboratories, Tempe, AZ

Overview: This session explores antibody detection techniques. The participant will review antibody identification worksheets, perform “rule-in” and “rule-out” of antibody(-ies) detected, assess the clinical significance of the antibody and make a recommendation for appropriate transfusion.

All Aboard for Quality Control!

Program Number 605-002-05 (Program expires on 12/31/07); Intermediate Level; 3 Contact Hours
Donna Wacker, MT (ASCP), SBB, Manufacturing Process Specialist, Blood Systems, Scottsdale, AZ

Overview: This program discusses quality control analysis and possible corrective actions. It defines quality control terminology, explains calculations, reviews Westgard rules and provides information on setting up a good quality control program. Correct, accurate documentation is emphasized.

Transfusion for the Clinical Nurse

Program Number 605-001-05 (Program expires on 12/31/07); Intermediate Level; 3 Contact Hours
Sheryl Kempin, RN, Manufacturing Process Specialist, Blood Systems, Scottsdale AZ

Overview: This program discusses the nurse’s understanding of the criteria used to determine if a transfusion is required, the types of products available and the patient care involved with each type of transfusion, including the prevention and treatment of adverse effects in the patient.

Blood Banking Boot Camp

Program Number 605-002-06 (Program expires on 9/30/08) ; Intermediate Level; 3 Contact Hours
Donna Wacker, MT (ASCP), SBB, Manufacturing Process Specialist, Blood Systems, Scottsdale, AZ

Overview: Red blood cells contain hundreds of antigens. Blood transfusion practices are designed to allow safe transfusion by limiting and removing exposure to foreign antigens during transfusion procedures. The presentation provides a brief overview of the major blood group systems and their associated antigens as well as the principles and techniques used to help identify them.

The ABC’s of Coding and Reimbursement

Program Number 605-003-06 (Program expires on 9/30/08); Beginning/Basic Level; 1.5 Contact Hours
Gayle Geele, MT (ASCP), SBB, Manufacturing Process Specialist, Blood Systems, Scottsdale, AZ

Overview: This is a high level overview of coding and reimbursement and why they are important to laboratory professionals working in a Transfusion Service. This program defines the acronyms and terminology, and provides a brief history of how coding language developed. Participants will learn to help their facility maximize reimbursements in a highly regulated environment, assuring the facility receives fair and adequate payment for its work.

What is HIPAA Security? Protecting Patients’ Health Information

Program Number 605-023-06 (Program expires on 12/31/08); Beginning/Basic Level; 1 Contact Hour
Dale Shakotko, MT(ASCP)BB, GISO, Security & Privacy Officer, Blood Systems, Scottsdale, AZ

Overview: This course discusses several topics relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA): A brief review of the history and enforcement information regarding HIPAA security, the general requirements of HIPAA security, and the security specifics regarding the Administrative, Physical and Technical Safeguards.

ISBT 128: International Society for Blood Transfusion Blood Product Labeling

Program Number 605-025-06 (Program expires on 12/31/08); Beginning/Basic Level; 1.5 Contact Hours
Helen Pleasant, MA, MT(ASCP), Manufacturing Process Specialist, Blood Systems, Scottsdale, AZ

Overview: This course for anyone involved in ISBT implementation reviews the major differences between the current blood product labeling using Codabar and the new labeling using ISBT 128. The advantages of ISBT 128 labeling are discussed in detail. In addition, some suggested implementation strategies are briefly outlined.



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