

TP Study Day 2026

PROGRAMME

Registration	9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Welcome	9:20 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Session One	9:30a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Morning Tea	10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Session Two	11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Master Classes	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Session Three	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Afternoon Tea	3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Master Classes	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Close and Evaluation	4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

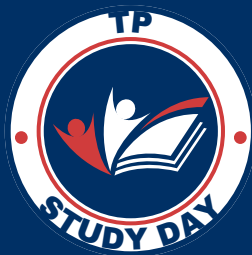
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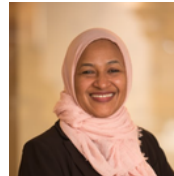
 Saturday, 17th October 2026

 9.00 AM - 4.30 PM



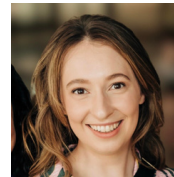
SPEAKERS

Session One



Widad Abdulwahab

Sunnybrook Health Services Centre, CAN



Sofia Plymin

Northern Pathology Victoria AU

Session Two



Dr Aaron Hess

New Zealand Blood Service, NZ



Sarah Kowalski

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, South Australia AU

Session Three



Dr Richard Charlewood

New Zealand Blood Service, Auckland, NZ



Diane (Dee) Murphy-Devlin

New Zealand Blood Service National Reference Laboratory, NZ



Varsha Seoraj

New Zealand Blood Service National Reference Laboratory, NZ

MASTER CLASSES



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Dr Jeffrey Wagner

Auckland City Hospital, NZ



Jo Goodwin

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Clinical Education Team, AU



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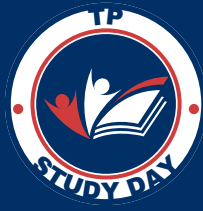
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Amy Sheppard, Robyn White & Amy Almond

BloodSafe eLearning Australia team, AU



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SESSION ONE

Critical bleeding

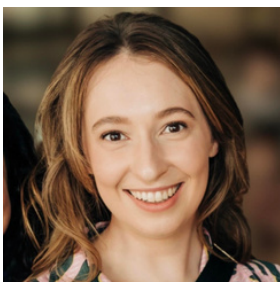
Widad Abdulwahab Sunnybrook Health Services Centre, CAN



Widad Abdulwahab is employed at Sunnybrook Health Services Centre as a transfusion safety Advanced Practice Nurse and is appointed as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Toronto school of Nursing. Widad has over 11 years of experience in the ICU and had completed her Master's degree in Nursing at Ryerson University. Over the years of her career, she has developed an immense amount of clinical and leadership skills. She has delivered several education sessions based on adult learning principles while identifying and addressing staff learning needs on transfusion practice. She is currently involved in the Transfusion Associated Dyspnea: Prospective Observational and Laboratory Assessment (TADPOL) study. She is part of the Ontario Transfusion Transmitted Injuries Surveillance System (TTISS) education committee member and transfusion safety officers' resource person.

Sofia Plymin

Northern Pathology Victoria, AU



Sofia is the Senior Scientist for the Blood Bank Laboratory at Northern Pathology Victoria. She is an active member of several haemovigilance committees, including Northern Health's Standard 7 Committee, the Northern Health MHP Working Group, and Northern Private Hospital's Standard 7 Committee. Throughout her career at Northern Health, Sofia has played a key role in a number of major service development initiatives. These include the expansion and redesign of the Blood Bank Laboratory, the introduction of Group O Positive red blood cells for Emergency Release in 2022, the implementation of blood product provision to newly amalgamated regional health services within the Northern Health network, and the development of blood product ordering and administration workflows within Northern Health's EMR.

SESSION TWO

Haemovigilance

Dr Aaron Hess

New Zealand Blood Service, NZ



Aaron Hess is a Transfusion Medicine Specialist with the New Zealand Blood Service. He has published original research in transfusion, anaesthesia, resuscitation, physiology, and biostatistical methods in the NEJM, JAMA, Anesthesiology, Anesthesia & Analgesia, and Transfusion (where he is also an associate editor) and he is also a recipient of the AABB Foundation Early Career Scientific Research Grant. Dr. Hess is a member of international expert committees in transfusion, anaesthesia, trauma, and blood management, and has co-authored national and international guidelines on resuscitation and transfusion. He lives in Christchurch.

Sarah Kowalski

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, South Australia AU



Sarah Kowalski is a Senior Transfusion Scientist at Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, where she works within the Clinical Education team. With over 16 years of experience in transfusion medicine, her role focuses on developing educational resources and programs for healthcare professionals nationwide. Sarah also works at Adelaide University as a course coordinator and lecturer in Transfusion and Haemostasis within the Laboratory Medicine program, where she mentors future transfusion scientists.

MASTER CLASSES

BloodSafe eLearning Australia Investigation

BloodSafe eLearning Australia



BloodSafe eLearning Australia (BEA) is a national program providing free online education to health professionals involved in blood transfusions and patient blood management, to improve safety and quality. BEA is accessed by 1536 Australian hospitals and healthcare organisations for professional development and mandatory training. Over 772,000 learners, made up of nurses/midwives (87%), doctors (8%), and other health care professionals (5%), have completed over 1.8 million BEA courses, thereby enhancing their knowledge and skills in blood transfusion safety.

Transfusion Reaction Case Reviews: navigating complexity in clinical practice

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NZBS Case Reviews: Anti-Jra in three patients

Diane (Dee) Murphy-Devlin

NZBS National Reference Laboratory, NZ



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NZBS Case Reviews: p-null and p-negative phenotypes

Varsha Seoraj

NZBS National Reference Laboratory, NZ



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Transfusion Prevention: The Role of Anaemia Management

Dr Jeffrey Wagner Auckland City Hospital, NZ



Dr. Wagner is a clinical nurse specialist in Patient Blood Management at Auckland City Hospital and is a double board certified family nurse practitioner in the U.S.. He has practiced as a Patient Blood Management nurse practitioner for 10 years, specializing in Anaemia Management. Before arriving in New Zealand in August 2025, Jeff was an assistant professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon, U.S., and formerly the Chief Transfusion Safety Officer at the Puget Sound Blood Center in Seattle, Washington, U.S.. He served as the director of the Nurses' Programs for the American Association of Blood Banks Annual Meeting for six years.

Lifeblood Pack Check tool reimagined

Jo Goodwin

Lifeblood CLinical Education Team, AU



Jo has worked as a Transfusion Nurse Consultant with the SA BloodSafe Program since 2011, bringing 14 years of experience within SA Health, as well as 6 years as the private sector BloodSafe Nurse Consultant. She joined the Lifeblood Clinical Education Team in 2025. In addition, she has over 20 years of clinical experience in Haematology, Oncology & Palliative Care. Jo is deeply committed to supporting Transfusion Practitioners, Blood Champions, and other Nurse/Midwifery Educators in training nurses to undertake a blood pack check safely and accurately.

SESSION THREE

Disaster planning

**Dr Richard
Charlewood**

New Zealand Blood Service, Auckland NZ



Dr Richard Charlewood trained in South Africa and the United Kingdom as a haematologist. He has also studied computer science in South Africa. Since 2003, he has worked as a Transfusion Medicine Specialist at the New Zealand Blood Service, based in Auckland. He has served on the councils of the South African Society of Haematology, the Australian and New Zealand Society for Blood Transfusion and the Biotherapeutics Association of Australasia and has over two dozen publications. His clinical interests are wide-ranging and include infectious disease testing and clinical transfusion practice improvement. He has worked with the prehospital helicopter service in Auckland for 10 years, piloting prehospital whole blood transfusion with them and is currently a co-investigator in a New Zealand prehospital platelet-rich whole blood clinical trial.

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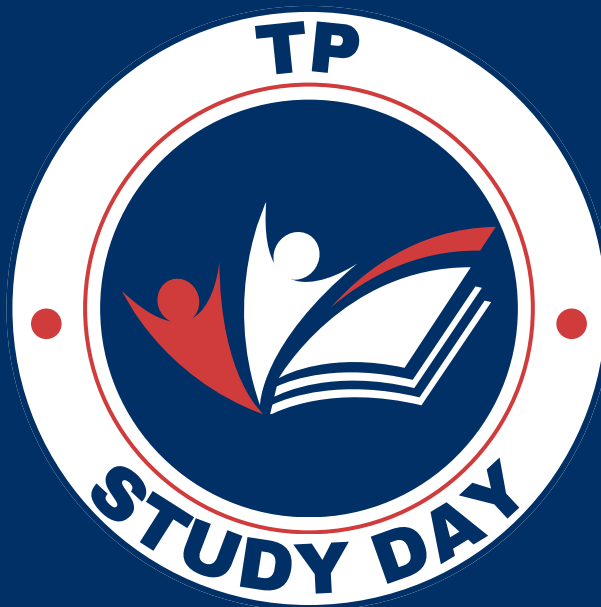
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