

**Transfusion Medicine Boot Camp
for Nurses**
Patient Experiences – Lessons for Learning!

0900 – 1300 hrs, November 26, 2025.

PROGRAM

	Throughout the event if you have questions/comments, please click on the Zoom Chat function & type your message.
0900 - 0905 hrs.	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement <i>Event Moderator: Sheena Scheuermann, ORBCoN</i>
0905 - 0955 hrs.	Session 1 <i>Moderator: Laura Aseltine, ORBCoN</i>
	Transfusion Considerations – Patients with Liver Disease
	<i>Dr. Nadia Gabarin, MD, FRCPC, DRCPSC, Transfusion Medicine Specialist, University Health Network and affiliated hospitals, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Toronto.</i> Learning Objectives: 1. Review the pathophysiology of hemostatic changes in liver disease. 2. Describe the limitations of conventional coagulation tests in predicting bleeding risk in this patient population. 3. Evaluate the available evidence on transfusion thresholds for patients with liver disease and peri-procedural management.
0955 - 1005 hrs	Break
1005 - 1055 hrs	Session 2 <i>Moderator: Alison Wendt, ORBCoN</i>
	Transfusion Considerations for Obstetrical Patients
	<i>Sarah Parkinson, RN, MScN, PNC (c), Clinical Nurse Specialist, Women's Care, Victoria Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre, London.</i> Learning Objectives: 1. Review the prevention and management of RBC alloimmunization in pregnancy. 2. Discuss the role of optimizing and treating iron deficiency anemia in reducing transfusions. 3. Highlight unique considerations when transfusing a pregnant /postpartum patient.
1055 - 1105 hrs	Break

1105 - 1155 hrs	Session 3 <i>Moderator: Laura Aseltine, ORBCoN</i>
	Tips for Transfusing Tots
	<i>Eileen McBride, MD, Hematopathology and Transfusion Medicine, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa.</i>
	<i>Brennah Holley, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Roger Neilson Children's Hospice, Ottawa.</i>
	Learning Objectives: 1. Participants can list ABO compatible products for patients. 2. Identify indications for blood transfusion. 3. Identify special considerations for the administration of blood products to neonates and children.
1155 - 1205 hrs	Break
1205 - 1255 hrs	Session 4 <i>Moderator: Alison Wendt, ORBCoN</i>
	2025 Using Blood Wisely Guidelines: Are You Transfusing Wisely?
	<i>Donna Berta, RN, BScN, Clinical Project Coordinator - Nursing, ORBCoN.</i>
	Learning Objectives: 1. Outline the prevalence of RBC, platelet and plasma transfusion in Ontario. 2. Understand the basis of the Using Blood Wisely (UBW) campaign. 3. For RBC, platelet and plasma transfusion: • Describe current evidence-based indications. • Define key nursing actions to ensure patient safety.
1255 - 1300 hrs.	Closing Remarks <i>Event Moderator: Sheena Scheuermann, ORBCoN</i>

All sessions will be recorded and posted (by December 5) on [ORBCoN's website](#).

A link and QR code to the evaluation survey will be provided.

Following completion of the evaluation survey, the certificate of attendance will be available.