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The 17th Annual Transfusion Medicine Education Symposium

The symposium, titled *Managing the Bleed: Practices Physicians Should Know*, is on April 8th, 2022. This year, the event will be presented as a webinar. Healthcare professionals can register to watch on a computer or mobile device as a group.

[Canadian Blood Services](#) and the [Ontario Regional Blood Coordinating Network](#) (ORBCoN) have partnered again to offer this annual educational event to develop the transfusion skills of professionals working in community hospitals to improve patient outcomes.

The symposium is open to all healthcare professionals involved in the ordering, issuing, and/or transfusing of blood and blood products, including physicians, nurses, technologists, as well as residents, trainees, and students.

"Bleeding patients present a unique challenge even with protocolized massive hemorrhage protocols," says Dr. Waseem Anani, Canadian Blood Services medical officer and co-chair of the symposium organizing committee. "Recent data suggest the origin of the bleeding can be important in the type of blood component resuscitation and pharmacologic interventions we provide."

"We are bringing experts to discuss current standards of care and approaches to transfusion."

Presentations include:

- **Case studies of traumas-considering Rh(D) positive and negative patients**
Dr. Mark Yazer – University of Pittsburg Medical Centre
- **Postpartum hemorrhage must always be anticipated**
Dr. Nadine Shehata – Mount Sinai Hospital
- **Case studies of bleeding stem cell patients**
Dr. Johnathan Mack – The Ottawa Hospital

The virtual conference is free to attend, but [registration](#) is required. There are two repeating sessions to choose from — one morning and one afternoon. If you have any questions, please contact Denyse Tremblay at denyse.tremblay@blood.ca or Tracy Cameron at tcameron@ohri.ca.

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