

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE SHOT TEAM



What a year this has been! No one could have predicted the tumultuous nature of events this year, as the global pandemic of a novel coronavirus took hold.

Transfusion medicine has been impacted by COVID-19 as much as any other area of life. Our ability to adapt, innovate and grow during these unprecedented circumstances has been extraordinary. When faced with the very worst, we have seen the transfusion community come together, helping and supporting each other. Resilience is what has defined 2020, but more importantly, it will be what takes us

forward. We, at SHOT, have also all been working very hard to adapt to the new circumstances and challenges. The SHOT Team have developed several new resources (see below) and have much more in the pipeline for 2021.

We would like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to all in the Transfusion Community for all your amazing work this year. Here's to a healthy and happy 2021 for all.

SHOT Office Team Leavers and Joiners



In January 2021 we welcome Jennifer Davies as the new SHOT Operations Manager. Jeni is a Laboratory Manager/BMS by background, having worked at a senior level within blood transfusion departments for most of her career, and then as a Blood Sciences quality manager and Haematology/Immunology/Transfusion manager for the last 11 years.

Joe Flanagan, SHOT National Co-ordinator for Infectious Diseases, moved to a new post in September 2020 and has been replaced by Tali Yawitch, who is part of the NHSBT/PHE Epidemiology Unit.

Announcements



Since launching the SHOT app in October, it has been downloaded 400+ times. Please search 'SHOT UK' in the App Store or Google Play Store and download the app stay informed and receive notifications on the latest messages and news.



The Annual SHOT Symposium 2021 will be virtual. Further details regarding dates and programme will be available in the New Year.

The SHOT Team are also working updating the Human Factors package- this will include a new HF video, case based discussions and other useful resources.

Watch this space for further details!

Key highlights



The **2019 Annual SHOT Report** was released on Tuesday 7th July 2020. For the first time we did not send copies out to all reporting Trusts/Healthboards. As part of our Financial, Digital and Go Green Five Year SHOT Strategy 2020-2024, we encouraged everyone to use the online version and offered hard copies for a subsidised fee of £20 - surprisingly, we've had lots of international orders!



The **foldable SHOT 2019 summary** is the perfect engagement tool for getting people thinking and talking about transfusion safety. Ideal for patient safety events, transfusion awareness stands, education sessions and audit days. Order free copies online from NHSBT Leaflets.



SHOT Webinars - Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019 Annual SHOT Report was released virtually and a live webinar was held covering the key highlights from the reports - attended by over 500 viewers from 16 different countries! Four more topic based webinars were held in 2020 all of which are available to view. We have more webinars planned for 2021.



Videos

SHOT Videos - In November we launched the new ABOi video, which discusses the key trends and lessons learned from ABO incompatible transfusion events reported to the SHOT haemovigilance scheme from 2010-2019.

Keep any eye out for the new Human Factors video - coming soon! And please subscribe to the SHOT YouTube channel!



SHOTcasts

SHOTcasts - We now have 2 new podcasts available to listen from the SHOT website. The first is on Human Factors, and the second is on Febrile, Allergic and Hypotensive Reactions. Please tell us what you think and what other subjects you'd like to hear about!



Cumulative SHOT Data by Category - The SHOT team have recently started bringing together all SHOT data and resources pertaining to each SHOT reporting category. There are 5 categories currently available, and more will be added as they are developed.

Each page contains the reporting definition, a summary of the annual numbers reported, the latest recommendations made in the Annual SHOT Reports, available resources (including case studies, figures and any relevant SHOT Bites or videos), and finally pdfs of the individual years Annual Report chapters.



SHOT reporting updates - The SHOT reporting **definitions** document has been updated for 2021. The **Human Factors Investigation Tool** and **SHOT questionnaires** are also being updated. A new reporting category **Acknowledging Continuing Excellence (ACE)** is live from January 2021 and is to encourage reporting of exceptional transfusion practice by a team or department, that was above and beyond routine practice and has widespread learning opportunities. See the SHOT website for worked examples.



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Alternately, just scan this to visit SHOT website www.shotuk.org

While circumstances may have cast us all apart, in a physical sense at least, these challenging few months have seen us work more closely together than ever.

As we end this challenging year, the SHOT team would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation for each member of our transfusion community. Your work has never been more important, and your contributions have never been more vital. Patients and donors throughout the world have benefitted enormously from your care and compassion.

We wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season, filled with joy and good cheer, and a shared hope for a happier and healthier 2021.

