



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

BRUSSELS, APRIL 19TH, 2012

EXPERT MEETING

“ **EVIDENCE-BASED TRANSFUSION MEDICINE** ”

Organised by the Belgian Superior Health Council

[19 April 2012](#)

Brussels (Belgium)

Specific goals of the meeting:

- Discuss the available evidence on transfusion medicine in the ICU setting
- Inform participants on the nature and limitations of non-randomized and observational clinical trials on the RBC storage lesion
- Discuss and look ahead to trials on the clinical impact of the RBC storage lesion
- Inform participants on state-of-the-art practical approaches in the field of blood management (hospital based, peri-operative and non-surgical techniques)
- Assess the efforts made towards determining the effectiveness of blood management initiatives

Venue:

The Meeting will be held on April 19th, 2012 at the "Europa" Auditorium, Tour du Midi/Zuidertoren, Esplanade de l'Europe, Brussels.

Meeting organiser:

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Preliminary schedule of the programme:

- 13:30 Registration
13:50 Welcome – Opening comments
14:00 ***We should abandon randomized controlled trials in the intensive care unit***
Jean-Louis Vincent, Department of Intensive Care, Erasme Hospital (ULB), Brussels, Belgium
14:30 Discussion
14:50 ***What do we know? The clinical impact of the RBC storage lesion***
Mark Yazer, Division of Transfusion Medicine, Department of Pathology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh (PA), USA
15:20 Discussion
15:40 Coffee break
16:00 ***How to implement a hospital based blood management program?***
Jonathan Waters, Department of Anesthesiology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh (PA), USA
16:30 Discussion
16:50 General discussion
17:20 Close

Registration:

There are no registration fees.

A request for accreditation (Ethics and economy, 6) will be submitted.

Please, register before 23 March 2012 and provide full contact details (including email address & RIZIV-INAMI no. for accreditation, if needed):

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Please note, that the number of participants will be limited.

Travel directions and location maps will be sent with the final announcement.

