Patient Blood Management (PBM) aims to optimise the care of patients who might need a blood transfusion. Now for the first time, over 50 expert panellists, speakers and scientific committee members are involved from all over the world and they will with the audience assess the scientific evidence in an open Consensus Conference using the GRADE Approach. The scientific evidence is provided by the Centre for Evidence Based Practice of the Belgian Red Cross and they have screened approximately 18,000 titles and abstracts and included 142 studies within the 3 PBM topics of interest: I) Preoperative Anaemia, II) Red Blood Cell transfusion triggers and III) Implementation of PBM.

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ORGANISERS
Besides the rigorous scientific process, this conference is unique due to its international collaboration: the consortium of organisers spans European, American, Canadian and Australian organisations in the field of blood transfusion, all willing to contribute to furthering patient blood management.
PROGRAMME TUESDAY 24 APRIL

09.30 OPENING by Prof. Erhard Seifried
Chairs: Prof. Reinhard Burger (former President Robert Koch Institute) | Prof. Klaus Cichutek (Paul Ehrlich Institute President)
→ Consensus Method and GRADE Approach
Presenter: Hans Van Remoortel, Centre for Evidence Based Practice of the Belgian Red Cross

11.00 THREE PARALLEL SESSIONS, PART 1

14.00 THREE PARALLEL SESSIONS, PART 2

16.00 CONFERENCE RECEPTION

SESSION I - DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PREOPERATIVE ANAEMIA

Definition and diagnosis of Preoperative anaemia
Presenter: Dr. Katherine Frey
Chairs: Prof. Yves Ozier | Prof. Emmy de Buck

SESSION II - RBC TRANSFUSION TRIGGERS

Haematology and Oncology
Presenter: Dr. Richard Gammon
Neurology
Presenter: Dr. Cynthia So-Osman

SESSION III - IMPLEMENTATION OF PBM

PBM Implementation
Presenter: Prof. Mike Murphy
Chairs: Prof. Jonathan Waters | Prof. Dean Fergusson

PROGRAMME WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL

09.30 OPENING REMARKS
Chairs: Prof. Reinhard Burger (former President Robert Koch Institute) | Prof. Klaus Cichutek (Paul Ehrlich Institute President)

09.45 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SESSION I - DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF PREOPERATIVE ANAEMIA

SESSION II - RBC TRANSFUSION TRIGGERS

SESSION III - IMPLEMENTATION OF PBM

15.00 CLOSING REMARKS