Ana P. Lima

Experience

Transfusion Safety Nurse

Dec. 2000-Mar. 2018 Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Ontario

OnTraQ Nurse (2003 – 2005)

- Develop and implement educational and resource material related to transfusion practice, reactions, alternatives and safety initiatives;
- Investigate transfusion reactions and maintain the Transfusion Transmitted Injuries Surveillance System (TTISS);
- Provide educational sessions for nurses including hospital orientation;
- Content expert for nursing online transfusion module;
- Review and update policies related to blood transfusion, audit transfusion practice;
- Develop and maintain content for Intranet page including product monographs, patient information, reaction instructions, guidelines and resources for clinicians.

Content expert – Consultant

2008-2010 ORBCoN, Toronto, Ontario

- Develop content for online transfusion course for nurses for the Ontario Regional Blood Coordinating Network (ORBCoN);
- Develop Bloody Easy Blood Administration handbook and companion online presentations.

Registered Nurse – Transfusion Medicine and Stem Cell Unit

1996 – 2000 Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Ontario;

- Outpatient transfusions and therapeutic phlebotomies;
- Apheresis specialist stem cell collections and infusions;
- Provide training and competency assessment in apheresis procedures.

Registered Nurse – Apheresis Unit

1995 – 2003 University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario

- Pediatric and adult care;
- Stem cell collections, plasma and red cell exchange.

Registered Nurse – Apheresis Unit

1987 – 1996 Canadian Red Cross, Toronto, Ontario

- Donor apheresis -platelet, plasma and WBC collections;
- Charge nurse;
- Whole blood and autologous collections and donor screening.

Registered Nurse -NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit)

1983 –1987 Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Ontario

• Team leader and staff nurse

Registered Nurse -NICU

1980 – 1983 Montreal Children's Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

- Team leader and staff nurse
- Infant transport via ambulance and air, post-operative care

Nursing Student

1978 – 1980 Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

• Adult medicine

Education

1977 - 1980 Dawson College, Montreal, Quebec

Diploma of Nursing

1986 Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Ontario

- Situational Leadership Certificate
- 1993 Baxter Fenwall, Toronto Ontario
 - Stem Cell Collection

1996 Cobe, Toronto, Ontario

- Training Certificate
- 1997 American Society of Clinical Pathologists, USA
 - Hemapheresis Practitioner
- 2000 Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
 - Situation Based Patient Assessment

2006 Ontario Hospital Association, Toronto Ontario

• Adult Education Certificate

Professional Memberships

- Ontario TTISS Education Group -Chair Memberships
- CSTM (Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine)
- TSO group (Transfusion Safety Officers)
- ORBCoN Steering Committee 2007–2011
- National Blood Safety Council
 - o Appointed member 2001-2003
- Canadian Blood Services Hospital Customer Advisory Panel 2005–2007
- CAAN (Canadian Association of Apheresis Nurses)
 President elect 1998 2000 and president 2000 2002

Presentations

- Frequent invited speaker at national and international transfusion-related conferences (CSTM, AABB, CINA, Trauma Conference, CAG)
- Hong Kong, 2017: The Evolving Role of Nurses in Transfusion (See link to presentation in the main blog)

Publications

- Cohen R, Escorcia A, Tasmin F, **Lima A**, Lin Y, Lieberman L, Pendergrast J, Callum J, Cserti-Gazdewich C. Feeling the burn: the significant burden of febrile nonhemolytic transfusion reactions. Transfusion. 2017 Jul;57(7):1674-83.
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- Eckert K, Lima A, Urbanek A. How transfusion safety officers improve patient care in Canada. AABB News. 2008;10:29–31.
- Callum JL, Merkley LL, Coovadia AS, Lima AP, Kaplan HS. Experience with the medical event reporting system for transfusion medicine (MERS-TM) at three hospitals. Transfus Apher Sci. 2004 Oct;31(2):133-43.
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 - SP167: Pendergrast J, Lima A, Macmillan YL. Callum J. Incidence of transfusionrelated acute lung injury (TRALI) at a single institution in Toronto, Canada. 90A-91A.
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- Lima A. Bloody Easy Blood Administration handbook, ORBCoN 2009
- Lima A. Bloody Easy for Nurses eLearning module, ORBCoN 2008