



JOHNS HOPKINS AWARDED LEVEL I CERTIFICATION IN BLOOD MANAGEMENT

The Center for Bloodless Medicine and Surgery is proud to announce that on June 20, The Johns Hopkins Hospital was awarded a Level 1 certification in Patient Blood Management by The Joint Commission

and AABB. Patient Blood Management is an evidence-based approach to optimizing the care of patients and can help hospitals realize the maximum benefits of blood conservation.

To be awarded the highest level of Certification (Level 1) a hospital must have direct involvement with oversight and monitoring of specific activities, including all 20 methods of blood conservation.

Methods that differentiate Level 1 from Level 2 and 3 programs include having:

- A formal program for patients who do not accept transfusions
- Protocols for managing pre-surgical anemia
- Autologous blood salvage (Cell Saver) during surgery

The Center for Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Medical Director Dr. Steven Frank, Clinical Nurse Coordinator Ish'shah Sherd and Administrative Coordinator Andrew Pippa participated in the day-long survey process. Liz Dackiw, Nurse Coordinator and Val Strockbine, Transfusion Safety Officer helped prepare for the detailed assessment to make sure Johns Hopkins complied with all the required blood management standards.

According to Dr. Frank, "Level 1 certification is evidence of continued excellence in caring for patients who choose to be treated without a transfusion. Benefits of this hospital-wide program to our patients include assurance that we are doing everything possible to: 1) reduce bleeding, 2) optimize hemoglobin levels and coagulation, and 3) avoid the need for blood transfusions."



Left to right: Val Strockbine, MSN, RN, Transfusion Safety Officer; Andrew Pippa, Administrative Coordinator; Dr. Linda Resar, Hematology Consultant; Dr. Steven Frank, Medical Director; Joan Pippa, Communications Coordinator; Ish'shah Sherd RN, BSN, Clinical Nurse Coordinator. Missing from the picture is Liz Dackiw, RN, Nurse Coordinator