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## On the road again – just can't wait to hear about Fate

NBA staff are on the road again – this time to deliver face-to-face training in the new BloodNet Fate module.

Fate is the latest addition to BloodNet, allowing users to record what happens to units if they are not transfused – whether they are discarded or transferred. Users are reporting that Fate is easy to use, allowing a discard episode to be recorded in four easy steps – and in less than one minute.

The NBA's Chief Information Officer, Mr Peter O'Halloran, said: "It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm for the Fate module from staff in laboratories. What has been particularly pleasing is the 100% adoption of the Fate module in the jurisdictions we have been to so far. This increase in participation is already improving the completeness and robustness of data crucial to inventory management decisions by governments."

The Fate Roadshow has already swept through Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory and preparations are underway for a mid-December trip through Western Australia. Other states will follow in the New Year.

If you haven't yet implemented the Fate module in your laboratory, the implementation process has been streamlined down to three key steps:

1. BloodNet Support will contact your laboratory to arrange a suitable time for the implementation (the total time for your laboratory should be no more than 3 hours);
2. The BloodNet Trainer will train all available staff in the Fate module (around 20 minutes per staff member); and
3. If your laboratory uses ERIC, the BloodNet Trainer will assist the Scientist in Charge of the laboratory to export their ERIC data and transmit it to the NBA for upload into BloodNet so that historic data is not lost in the transition.

With the transition to the BloodNet Fate module complete, labs are then free to cease using ERIC to report discards as the NBA is able to provide an extract of data from the Fate module to the Blood Service on a regular basis.

Updates on the implementation status and dates for the remaining jurisdictions are displayed on the BloodNet homepage. If you would like to find out more about Fate, or to schedule training in your lab, please don't hesitate to contact BloodNet Support (details in the footer below).

## From east to west – more hospitals join BloodNet

The implementations of the BloodNet Ordering and Receipting modules continued in November, with the John Hunter Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital in New South Wales joining the BloodNet family.

Meanwhile in Perth, the much-awaited roll-out to public hospitals in Western Australia began with five public hospitals (Fremantle, King Edward Memorial, Princess Margaret, QEII and Royal Perth hospitals) joining the current complement of private hospitals already using BloodNet in the West. The addition of these hospitals will result in BloodNet processing in excess of 85% of total issues in Western Australia.



Above: (L to R) Rebecca Heland from BloodNet Support trains Erna Lim and Medical Scientist in Charge of Transfusion Medicine at the Royal Perth Hospital, Annette Le Viellez.

## NBA booth draws huge crowds at blood conference

BloodNet found an appreciative new audience at the recent HAA 2011 Conference in Sydney, where the National Blood Authority held a booth in the exhibition hall.

Interest in the NBA was high, with staff engaging with more than 900 people over the four-day event. The booth included live demonstrations of BloodNet – and a staggering 3,246 hits on the BloodNet training site were recorded. Of these, 71% related to the Fate module, which is generating great interest in the blood sector.



Above: Visitors flocked to the National Blood Authority booth at the HAA Conference at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. More than 900 delegates stopped by to find out about the NBA and to see BloodNet demonstrations.

Visitors to the booth – who included laboratory scientists, nurses, clinicians and academics – were also keen to have copies of the patient blood management guidelines, which have been developed by the NBA for use in all Australian hospitals. (Free copies of these are available from the NBA website at [www.nba.gov.au/guidelines](http://www.nba.gov.au/guidelines)).

Thanks to this promotional event, BloodNet will be making its way to more than 50 new sites around Australia – both public and private – as a result of its exposure at this conference.

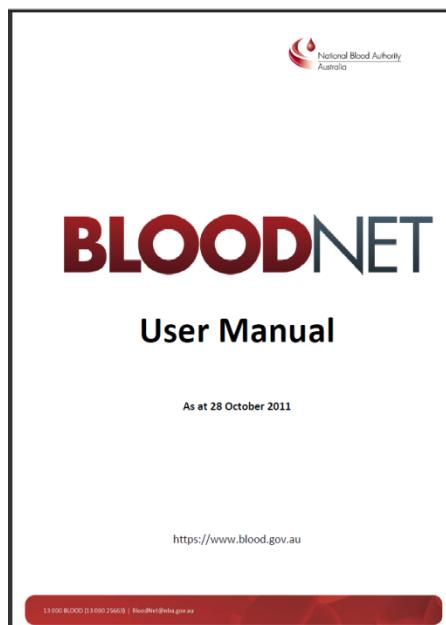
## Next BURG Meeting

The next meeting of the BloodNet User Reference Group (BURG) will be held on Monday, 12 December between 3pm and 4pm (Australian Eastern Summer Time). A key focus of the meeting will be to discuss the recently implemented Fate module and enhanced reporting requirements. If you aren't a member of BURG, why not nominate yourself by contacting BloodNet Support (see below).

## BloodNet User Manual

A significantly revised edition of the BloodNet User Manual was released on 28 October 2011. As well as including detail on the Fate Module, the manual has been restructured so that all content relating to a module in BloodNet (such as Ordering, Receipting and Fate) is in a single chapter in the manual.

The manual can be downloaded from the NBA website ([www.nba.gov.au/bloodnet](http://www.nba.gov.au/bloodnet)) or from inside BloodNet (Help -> BloodNet Documentation). Hard copies are available on request from BloodNet Support.



## Manual down-time orders at your fingertips

Just a reminder that the *Downtime Order Templates* that were previously emailed out to all facilities each month to use in case of a power/internet/BloodNet outage have been replaced by customised templates that exactly mirror the current routine order templates used by each facility in BloodNet.

The templates can be produced by all users of BloodNet at any time by clicking on the 'Facility Order Templates' link under the 'Configuration' menu.

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