

Elvira Giannitto (Transfusion Medicine - SA Pathology - Lyell McEwen Hospital) – To me [the BloodMove project] it's a seamless process and when we do have blood wastage there is a lot of discussion between staff and it's great to see that everyone is concerned.

Ahn Pham (Transfusion Medicine - SA Pathology - Lyell McEwen Hospital) – And I think that together with ongoing education it does provide any laboratory or hospital site with greater confidence, I mean, that it's working successfully.

Sophia Hague (Transfusion Medicine - SA Pathology - Royal Adelaide Hospital) – I believe [the BloodMove project] has well and truly become part of normal accepted practice and I think a fairly major reason for this is because [of] the benefits to all concerned – it's a win-win situation for everybody concerned with the movement of blood. Certainly having a dollar value attached to blood products means that it's at the forefront of people's minds and so when product is returned, and there may be an occasion where it may need to be wasted, it's certainly at the forefront of the staff's minds here at the Royal Adelaide who endeavour to minimise wastage of blood at all times. So I think it's certainly had an impact and as a result of this I think it is a process that will be maintained for the future.

Bianca Strong (Regional BloodSafe Clinical Nurse, Inner North, Angaston Hospital) – Through the BloodSafe project we do a lot of education to the nursing staff including underlying reasons behind why we actually do certain procedures and processes. For instance in retaining emergency stock blood, nurses have been educated around the importance of doing so for the blood to be reused at another site, or even area in Australia, rather than actually wasting the blood. The donors have put a lot of time and effort into providing us with that gift and we actually now take quite a higher priority in looking after that blood while it's in our care.

Sharon Saegenschmitter (BloodSafe Contact Nurse, Kapunda Hospital) – I think staff, a lot of them being donors themselves, have taken ownership of this [the BloodMove project] because they realise how that donation they've made, how it can actually help other people. And I think that also, a lot of the staff...because when they've found what the actual cost for production of a unit of blood is, they've really made a priority to make sure that blood is packed and returned so that it can actually be utilised in another area, not just let it to go to waste.