



**IHN
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IHN Virtual mini-Seminar: Haemovigilance of whole blood donations and developments in blood transfusion in Africa, 28 September 2021



On Tuesday, 28 September 2021, the International Haemovigilance Network hosted the second **IHN Virtual mini-Seminar with the theme of *Haemovigilance of whole blood donations and developments in blood transfusion in Africa.***

At least 221 attendees from countries over the world participated in the virtual Seminar (*Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chad, China, Croatia, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Ireland, Kenya, Luxembourg, Maldives, Namibia, Norway, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe*). We were very pleased to have such broad attendance, especially given the challenges of the many time zones.

Arlinke Bokhorst, President IHN, opened the mini-Seminar by welcoming all attendees. After a short introduction about the IHN, Arlinke introduced Barbee Whitaker, Chair IHN Seminar Committee, who introduced the speakers to the audience and Øystein Flesland, member of the IHN Seminar Committee, who moderated the questions and answers from the chat.

Below you'll find the program and keynote speakers. By activating the name of the speaker, you'll find a short bio, and you may watch the recorded presentations by clicking on the presentation title. After each presentation there was time for the presenters to discuss the questions that were asked via chat function.



The first speaker was [Dr. Philip C. Spinella](#), with his presentation [Low titer group O whole blood for hemostatic resuscitation](#)



Next, time was reserved for "Haemovigilance in Africa". The first speaker was [Prof. Alani Sulaimon Akanmu](#). His presentation was titled: [Haemovigilance: Any data from Nigeria?](#)



The second speaker was [Dr. Joseph Mulenga](#) with his presentation [Haemovigilance for Zambia, Roadmap](#)

After these great presentations a lot of questions were asked in the chat, so there was no time left for the pause/break.

The program continued with case studies. Because the case studies contained patient data, these presentations are not available. Three case studies were presented:

The first case study was an allergic reaction and presented by Chester Andrzejewski, Ph.D., M.D., FCAP (*Director of System Transfusion Medicine Services Baystate Health, Springfield, MA USA, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology University of Massachusetts Medical School-Baystate, Worcester, MA USA*) and Lynne O’Hearn (*Transfusion Safety Officer Baystate Health*).

The second case study was about an ABO incompatible transfusion, presented by [Dr. Shruthi Narayan](#) (UK SHOT). This case study had some interactive actions.

The third case study was about “Hot” TACO, presented by Chester Andrzejewski and Lynne O’Hearn.



After a little discussion and interesting questions, the last speaker, Dr. Shruthi Narayan presented the [Highlights of SHOT \(Serious Hazards of Transfusion\) 2020](#).

After this presentation, Øystein Flesland collected some more questions from the chat and Barbee Whitaker closed the virtual Seminar and thanked all speakers and attendees for their contributions.

A substantial number of participants gave feedback on the webinar by completing the post-Seminar survey. The results showed very high ratings, with the speakers receiving an average of 4,6 of 5. The IHN Seminar Committee will review the suggestions for future programs.

We look back on a very successful afternoon!

The next virtual mini Seminar is planned in March 2022. Please look for notifications from IHN about upcoming International Haemovigilance Seminars, virtual and in-person on the [IHN website](#)!

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