



Blood Centers  
of the Pacific

# Update

Newsletter for Hospitals  
November, 2001

## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting 2001

Fairfield: Tuesday, December 11, 2001 2:00 pm  
San Francisco: Wednesday, December 12, 2001, 8:30 am

### Agenda:

1. September 11 terrorist crisis: the impact on Blood Center operations
2. New variant CJD deferral update
  - a. FDA announcements
  - b. ARC deferrals
  - c. Anticipated impact on local blood availability
  - d. Anticipated impact on national blood availability
3. TRIMA update
4. Extensive Inventory Search/Component Outdate Reconciliation
5. Blood Center/Hospital Reconciliation
6. Platelet Outdate Update
7. New packing slips and invoices from BCP
8. Miscellaneous

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Technical Advisory Committee Meetings 2002

Fairfield: March 12, 2002, June 11, 2002, September 10, 2002, December 11, 2002, 2:00 pm  
San Francisco: March 13, 2002, June 12, 2002, September 11, 2002, December 12, 2002, 8:30 am

## Hospital Group Meetings 2001

At the end of each year, Blood Centers of the Pacific schedules meetings with each hospital group to discuss issues from the previous year, distribute estimated distribution for the forthcoming year. New fee schedules are also discussed and distributed. The meetings for 2001 have been scheduled as follows:

Catholic Health Care West/Sisters of St. Joseph  
11/7/2001 12:00 pm Irwin Center, San Francisco

Unaffiliated Hospitals  
11/14/2001 12:30 pm Irwin Center, San Francisco

Sutter Hospitals  
11/20/2001 12:30 pm Irwin Center, San Francisco

Kaiser Hospitals  
11/27/2001 12:30 pm Irwin Center, San Francisco

### Agenda:

1. 2001 Overview
2. Events of September 11: impact on BCP operations
3. 2002 Blood Product Utilization/Pricing
  - a. BCP Pricing History
  - b. 2002 Expenditure issues
  - c. 2002 Fee Schedule
4. Miscellaneous and Discussion

Lunch will be provided for each hospital group meeting.

## Online Appointments

BCP is proud to announce the development of online appointments to donate whole blood! Blood donors are now able to make an appointment to donate whole blood at your favorite donation location right from your computer! Check BCP's web site at [www.bloodcenters.org](http://www.bloodcenters.org) to access this new tool to help save lives!



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## Willie Brown Breakfast Club

On Tuesday, October 16th, San Francisco Mayor, Willie Brown, held a "breakfast club" meeting at the Fairmont Hotel, attended by approximately 1,000 people who either live or work in San Francisco.

Mayor Brown opened his speech by recognizing BCP and asking each person in attendance to pledge to donate blood or to have their company sponsor a blood drive. A pledge card was placed at each person's setting and when the event was over, we collected more than 125 pledge cards!

## New Additions to BCP Staff

BCP welcomes the following additions to its staff:

\* Ed Murphy, M.D., BCP's new Medical Epidemiologist and Associate Medical Director. Dr. Murphy, who is on staff at UCSF, will be with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays, along with his six staff members. Dr. Murphy and his group will be researching donor health issues, general blood safety and working on REDS studies. He will also serve as one of BCP's on-call physicians.

Dr. Murphy was born in New York City but grew up abroad in South Africa and Hong Kong. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his undergraduate work and then spent two years working at a diving company doing research. Soon, Dr. Murphy realized he was more interested in studying humans, than fish, so he entered Stanford Medical School. After medical school, Dr. Murphy trained in Epidemiology at UC Berkeley and did his residency in Internal Medicine back in Boston.

\* Kim-Anh Nguyen, M.D., PhD, recently completed her medical residency in Laboratory Medicine at UCSF and will finish her fellowship there as well. She earned a medical degree and a doctorate in Immunology from the University of Pennsylvania and her bachelor's degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Nguyen was born in Vietnam but came to the U.S. as a child and was raised in New Jersey. She became interested in immunology during high school when she did a summer internship at Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. She considered going into the field of developmental biology but felt immunology more directly related to people.

Dr. Nguyen will join BCP in January 2002. She will divide her time between the blood center operations and research in immunology and transfusion medicine, as it will allow her to work more closely with patients. She is particularly interested in patients' immune responses to transplantation.

\* Keith Quirolo, M.D., BCP's Transfusion Medicine fellow, joined us at the Irwin Center in July. Dr. Quirolo, a Bay Area native, is the Director of the Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Clinics at Children's Hospital in Oakland. He began his career in medicine as an orderly then went on to become a nurse, where he worked in the Pediatric Oncology ward at California Pacific Medical Center. After five years in nursing and after much encouragement from friends and colleagues, he decided to pursue a career as a physician and went to medical school at Case Western University in Cleveland.

Dr. Quirolo returned to the Bay Area to do his residency at Children's Hospital and then spent five years in private practice as a pediatrician. After that, he returned to Children's Hospital, where he remains on staff.

For the first six months of his fellowship, Dr. Quirolo will be here at BCP two days a week, learning about the various aspects of blood banking, including Collections, Component, Reference Lab, etc.

For the second six months of his fellowship, Dr. Quirolo will work at the UCSF blood bank.

\* Terrina Yamamoto, MT (ASCP), has recently joined the Irwin Center as the Technical Operations Director. A Bay Area native, Terrina graduated with a Bachelor's in Biochemistry from UC Davis in 1986. Upon her graduation, she trained at LA County Harbor - UCLA Medical Center and went on to work there for eight years as a Medical Technologist. Terrina then proceeded to work as a Blood Bank Supervisor at Kaiser Bellfower. When her husband relocated, Terrina returned to her hometown of San Francisco, where she worked at VA Hospital as a Transfusion Service Manager for the next four and a half years.

As the Technical Operations Director, Terrina will oversee the Components and Processing Lab here at BCP. Married with three young children, Terrina says she loves blood banking and being able to give back to the community, which explains her 15 years of experience in the industry! Terrina can be contacted at (415) 749-6697 or at [tyamamoto@bloodcenters.org](mailto:tyamamoto@bloodcenters.org).