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Preparing for the American Board
of Pathology (ABPath)
Examination of Fundamental
Knowledge and Skills

Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine

Content Specifications



3 Overview:

4 Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine Content Specifications

5 This guide outlines the content that may appear on the American Board of Pathology Blood
6 Banking/Transfusion Medicine Subspecialty exam. It provides a framework based on the knowledge and
7 skills typically covered in Fellow-level training, along with applicable Core and Advanced Resident topics
8 from residency training that the trainee is expected to know or be able to perform.

9 Key to Designations:

10 C = Core/Foundational Knowledge

11 AR = Advanced Resident Knowledge

12 F = Fellow/Advanced Practitioner Knowledge

13 The exam assesses the knowledge, judgment, skills, and abilities necessary to identify specific entities,
14 properly process specimens, and diagnose and monitor diseases using methods common in the practice
15 of Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine. The specific diseases, tests, and concepts listed in this
16 document are important for candidates to know, but it is not possible to create a fully comprehensive
17 list of all the material needed for certification and effective practice. Candidates should use this guide as
18 a reference for preparing for certification and professional practice.

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603	1. Manufacture and Features	AR

604	2. Clinical Use, Indications, and Guidelines for Use	AR
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660	4. Donor Testing and Counseling	C
661	5. Clinical Features	C
662	6. Prevention	C
663	7. Treatment	C
664	iii. Human T-cell Lymphotropic Viruses (HTLV)	F
665	1. General Information and Epidemiology	F
666	2. Incidence and Prevalence Among Blood Donors	F
667	3. Window Period and Risk of Transmission	F
668	4. Donor Testing and Counseling	F
669	5. Clinical Features	F
670	6. Prevention	F
671	7. Treatment	F
672	c. Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	
673	1. General Information and Epidemiology	C
674	2. Incidence and Prevalence Among Blood Donors	C
675	3. Clinical Features	C
676	4. Prevention	C
677	5. Treatment	C
678	6. Window Period and Risk of Transmission	AR
679	7. Donor Testing and Counseling	AR
680	d. Other Viruses	
681	i. Other Herpesviruses	C
682	ii. West Nile Virus	AR
683	1. General Information and Epidemiology	AR
684	2. Transmission	AR
685	3. Donor Testing and Counseling	AR
686	4. Clinical Features	AR
687	5. Prevention	AR
688	iii. Parvovirus B19	F
689	1. General Information and Epidemiology	F
690	2. Transmission	F

691	3. Clinical Features	F
692	iv. Zika, Dengue, and Chikungunya	F
693	e. Transfusion Transmission of Parasites	
694	i. Chagas Disease	
695	1. General Information and Epidemiology	AR
696	2. Transmission	AR
697	3. Donor Testing and Counseling	AR
698	4. Clinical Features	F
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700	ii. Malaria	
701	1. General Information and Epidemiology	AR
702	2. Transmission	AR
703	3. Donor Testing and Counseling	AR
704	4. Clinical Features	F
705	5. Prevention	F
706	iii. Babesiosis	
707	1. General Information and Epidemiology	AR
708	2. Transmission	AR
709	3. Donor Testing and Counseling	AR
710	4. Clinical Features	F
711	5. Prevention	F
712	iv. Leishmaniasis	
713	1. General Information and Epidemiology	F
714	2. Transmission	F
715	3. Donor Testing and Counseling	F
716	4. Clinical Features	F
717	5. Prevention	F
718	f. Bacterial Contamination of Blood Products	AR
719	i. Red Blood Cells – Overview and Epidemiology	AR
720	ii. Allogeneic RBCs – Agents and Incidence	AR
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722	iv. Plasma, Cryoprecipitate, and Derivatives – Agents and Incidence	AR
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725	2. Agents and Incidence	AR
726	3. Clinical Features	AR
727	4. Treatment	AR
728	5. Prevention	AR
729	vi. Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Posttransfusion Sepsis	AR
730	1. Donor Screening	AR
731	2. Skin Preparation	AR
732	3. Diversion	AR
733	4. Apheresis versus Whole Blood-Derived Platelets	AR
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735	6. Bacterial Detection	AR
736	7. Bacterial Elimination	AR
737	8. Syphilis	AR
738	g. Prion Diseases	F
739	i. General Information and Epidemiology	F
740	ii. Transmission	F
741	iii. Clinical Features	F
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744	vi. Plasma Derivative Manufacture	F
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746	h. Pathogen Inactivation	
747	i. Overview and Description	AR
748	ii. Plasma	
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750	2. Solvent/Detergent Treatment	AR
751	3. Methylene Blue Light Treatment	AR
752	4. Riboflavin Light Treatment	AR
753	iii. Platelets	
754	1. Psoralen Ultraviolet Light Treatment	C
755	2. Riboflavin Light Treatment	AR
756	3. Thionine Light Treatment	AR
757	iv. Red Cells	F
758	1. Alkylating Agents	F
759	2. Photosensitizers	F
760	3. Riboflavin Light Treatment	F
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768	2. Outside the United States	F
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771	1. Donor Evaluation	AR
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774	c. Laboratory Testing	AR
775	d. Deferral Criteria	AR
776	2. Blood Collection	AR
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778	b. Component Separation	AR
779	c. Leukocyte Reduction	AR
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784	c. Infectious Disease	AR
785	4. Distribution	AR
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788	1. Donor Reactions	AR
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790	b. Incidence	AR
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792	d. Risk Factors	AR
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795	2. Phlebotomy-Related	AR
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797	b. Incidence	AR
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802	3. Long-Term Effects of Donation	F
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807	10. Surgery Patients	
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812	a. Iron	AR
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814	ii. Intraoperative/Postoperative	AR
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816	2. Intraoperative Autologous Blood Recovery and	
817	Reinfusion (Cell Salvage)	AR
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828	e. Procedures on Upper Airway, Bronchoscopy, and	
829	Transbronchial Lung Biopsy	AR
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832	Neurosurgical Procedures	AR
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834	ii. Treatment of Bleeding	F
835	1. Local	F
836	a. Physical – Sutures, Electrocautery, Compression,	
837	Direct Packing, etc.	F
838	b. Topical Agents	F
839	c. Topical Sealants	F
840	d. Topical Thrombin	F
841	e. Topical Antifibrinolytics	F
842	2. Generalized	F
843	a. Skin and Membrane	F
844	b. Purpura and Soft Tissue	F
845	c. Small Vessel Bleeding During Surgery	F
846	d. DDAVP	F
847	c. Transfusion Therapy for Trauma and Burn Patients	
848	i. Shock	
849	1. General Information and Definition	C
850	2. Hemorrhagic Shock and Classification	C
851	a. Acidosis	C
852	b. Hypothermia	C
853	c. Coagulopathy	C
854	3. Trauma Patient	
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856	a. Damage Control	C
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858	c. Hemostatic Agents	AR
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861	a. Blood Component Therapy	C
862	b. Damage Control	AR
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865	e. Solid Organ Injury	AR
866	f. Hemostatic Agents	AR
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868	c. Recovery Phase	C
869	a. Blood Component Therapy	C
870	d. Massive Transfusion	C
871	a. Definition	C
872	b. Blood Component Therapy	C
873	c. Complications	C
874	4. Patients with Thermal Injuries (Burns)	F
875	a. Initial Resuscitations	F
876	a. Fluid Therapy	F
877	1. Colloid	F
878	2. Crystalloid	F
879	b. Transfusion Therapy	F
880	c. Hemostatic Agents	F
881	d. Pharmacologic Agents	F
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893	a. Liver	AR
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906	i. Requirements for Effective Program	F
907	ii. Scope	F
908	1. Reporting Criteria	F

909	a. Adverse Reactions	F
910	b. Adverse Incidents	F
911	c. Near Misses	F
912	2. Biovigilance	F
913	a. Passive Reporting versus Active Surveillance	F
914	b. Traceability	F
915	3. Blood Donors	F
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918	12. Platelets	
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920	i. Megakaryocyte Development, Maturation, and Differentiation	C
921	ii. Thrombopoietic/Megakaryocyte/Hematopoietic Growth Factors	C
922	iii. Genetic and Cellular Regulation of Thrombopoiesis	C
923	iv. Platelet Production, Shedding, and Release	C
924	b. Platelets and Hemostasis	C
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926	ii. Genetic/Congenital Platelet Disorders	C
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928	c. Platelet Transfusions	
929	i. Collection and Storage of Platelet Preparations/Concentrates	C
930	ii. Clinical Platelet Transfusions (Indications, Dose, and Schedule)	C
931	iii. Alternatives to Platelet Transfusions	
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958	c. Congenital Disorders of Clotting and Anticoagulant Protein	
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963	3. Congenital Disorders of Non-Hemophilia Clotting Proteins	F
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976	iv. Neonatal/Infant Plasma, Cryoprecipitate, and Neutrophil	
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983	iii. Indications, Methods, Results, and Adverse Effects	F
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989	v. Processing Requirements for HPC	F
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993	c. HPC Sources and Collection	AR
994	i. HPC Apheresis – Characteristics and Adverse Effects	AR

995	1. Biology of Stem Cell Mobilization	AR
996	2. Apheresis Consideration	
997	a. Techniques, Vascular Access, Donor Management,	
998	and Adverse Events (Allogeneic vs. Autologous)	AR
999	3. Mobilization Regimens	
1000	a. Indications, Dose, Schedule, Efficacy, and	
1001	Adverse Effects	F
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1003	Growth Factors – G-CSF, GM-CSF	F
1004	Adhesion Blockers-Plerixafor	F
1005	b. Scheduling Mobilization and Apheresis Collection	F
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1009	4. Scheduling Mobilization and Apheresis Collection	F
1010	ii. HPC-Marrow	F
1011	1. Methods of Harvesting	F
1012	2. Characteristics	F
1013	3. Adverse Effects	F
1014	iii. HPC Cord Blood	
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1018	Testing, and Cryopreservation	F
1019	b. Cord Blood Characteristics	F
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1021	(Related and Unrelated)	F
1022	iv. Selection of Appropriate HPC Source for a Given Patient	F
1023	d. HPC Processing – Goals, Guidelines, and Methods (Preparation for Infusion)	F
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1027	iii. Preparation for Cells for Donor Lymphocyte Infusion	F
1028	iv. Cord Blood	F
1029	v. Processing of Other CT Products	
1030	(e.g., Antigen-Directed T-cells, Marrow Stromal Cells)	F
1031	e. HPC Storage and Preservation	F
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1033	-Anticoagulant, Time, Temperature, Preservative, Cell Concentration	F
1034	ii. Rationale for Cryopreservation	F
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1040	f. Management of RBC Antigen Incompatibility in Allogeneic Transplantation	
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1045	a. Cause, Diagnosis, Course, Therapy, Prevention	AR
1046	ii. Graft Management	F
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1048	g. HPC Assessment – Pre- and Post-Processing and Post Thaw	F
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1051	1. Flow Cytometry	F
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1060	1. Techniques, Results, Indications	F
1061	ii. CD34 Cells and Others (e.g., Treg)	F
1062	iii. Tumor Purging and T-cell Depletion	F
1063	i. HPC and CTP Thawing and Post-Thaw Processing	
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1068	j. HPC and CTP Infusion	F
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1078	Conditioning	F
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1086	Deviations, Non-Conforming HPC and CTP	F
1087	m. Laboratory Administration	
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1094	i. Institutional vs. Commercially Sponsored	F
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1097	Modified Cells)	F
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