



Passive Aggressive!

**WHEN COMPATIBILITY ISSUES AREN'T AS
STRAIGHT FORWARD AS YOU THINK!!!**

BEFORE THINGS GOT COMPLICATED...

- × In 2005, a 60 year old, “very pleasant” male, presented to us with mild anemia and low B12 levels.
- × He had been receiving B12
- × His hgb was 7.9 g/dl
- × Order was to give 1 unit of packed red cells
- × He typed as A positive with a negative antibody screen
- × *Life was easy in the Blood Bank!!*



SCROLL FORWARD TO OCTOBER, 2012

- × Where has he been the last 7 years???
- × What about treatment/transfusion histories???
- × His lab report from the doctor's office chart (April 2012) showed:
Hgb 11.0 g/dL, Folate was normal
- × However, over last few months he has been very tired, dyspneic with exertion, and unable to perform usual cardiac exercises

Lab Results from early October

- × Hgb **7 g/dL** (13-17)
- × MCV **124 fl** (80-99)
- × WBC **3.4 th/uL** (4-11)
- × Plt **73 th/uL** (140-400)
- × Bilirubin **6 mg/dL** (0.3-1.4)
- × BNP **3290 pg/mL** (0-100)
- × Total protein, transaminases, albumin and TSH normal
- × Trace hgb in urine
- × Ferritin: **192**, folate **>20**, retic count **219,000** = appropriate response to anemia

Laboratory indices of hemolytic anemia and ultrasonographic evidence of mild to moderate hepatosplenomegaly

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, OCT. 2012



- × Exertional Dyspnea
- × Dizziness
- × Loss of balance
- × Slight Fever
- × Severely Icteric
- × Dryness on Face
- × Rash on palms
- × 3+ pedal edema

ACTION PLAN....

Diagnosis:

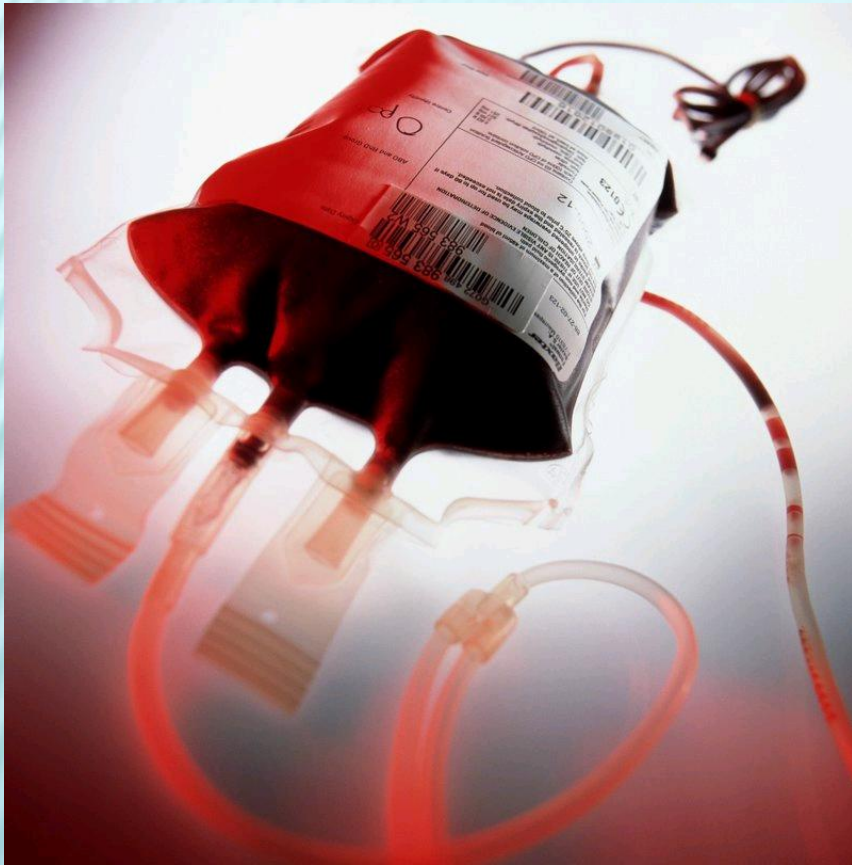
- × Hemolytic anemia-likely autoimmune
- × “Check Coombs”
- × No evidence of TTP
- × AIHA idiopathic in nature *or* associated with lymphoproliferative malignancies
- × Order Bone Marrow Biopsy
- × CT neck through pelvic regions
- × Elevated BNP & edema consistent with hyperdynamic heart failure; anemia

Treatment:

- × Steroids, possibly chemotherapy
- × “Transfusion may be required”



10/10: ORDER FOR 2 RBC'S TO BE TRANSFUSED



Blood Bank Results:

- × A pos
- × Positive Screen (SCII) 2+
- × Anti-E identified
- × Negative DAT (polyspec)
- × Crossmatched 2 units :
A positive, E negative blood
- × No big deal...

*Life is still relatively easy in
the Blood Bank!*



THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT ANYWAY....

From patient's chart, 10-21-12:

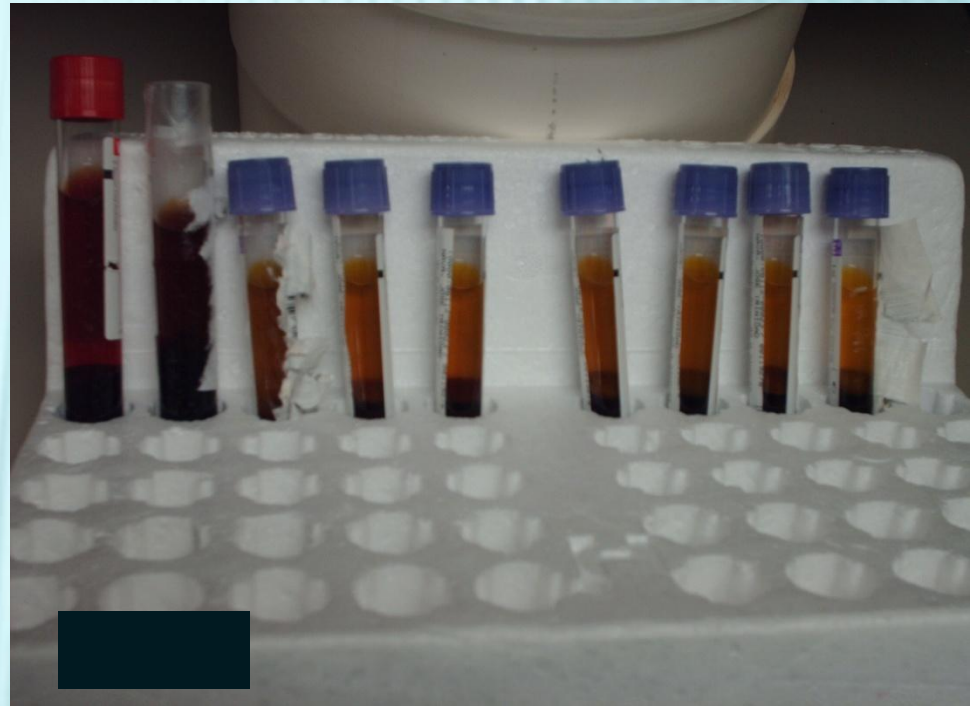
“ The patient's dyspnea has been stable until the last week when he has been getting more and more short of breath. He did receive a **blood transfusion** a little over a week ago that was supposed to improve his dyspnea, **however he states it did not**. He has been very weak over the last few days and it was tonight that his wife was finally able to talk him into presenting to the ER. When the patient arrived, it was found that he had a **hgb of 4.4** and was **hypotensive** with a systolic blood pressure in the 80s. He was transferred to ICU and to be seen by hematology. At this time the patient is **very jaundiced**. The patient is mildly confused, and his wife said he has been confused over the last couple of days”

Life in the Blood Bank may be getting a little harder!



IT JUST GOT HARDER!

- × Order was placed for 2 units **RBC's** to be transfused ASAP, and 2 units to be placed on hold
- × Specimen arrived and was **very icteric !**
- × Patient typed as A positive, positive Ab Screen
- × Now *both* screening cells positive (**SCI 2+, SCII 3+**)
- × Panel results: following slide, note **positive auto control**... dang it!



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CONCLUSION: Anti-E, anti-Jkb

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A

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Additional Cells		Rh-hr									KELL				DUFFY		KIDD	Sex Linked	LEWIS			MNS			P	LUTHERAN	Special Antigen Typing				Test			
Cell#	Rh-hr	Donor Number	D	C	E	c	e	f*	C ^w	V	K	k	Kp ^a	Kp ^b	Jsa ⁺	Jsb ^r	Fy ^a	Fy ^b	Jk ^a	Jk ^b	Xg ^a	Le ^a	Le ^b	S	s	M	N	P ₁	Lu ^a	Lu ^b		Cell#		

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PATIENT NAME: _____

PATIENT ID: _____

DATE: 10/24/12 TECH: _____

CONCLUSION: _____

Lot No. VRA174

Exp. Date 2012-

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Panel

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IV, E?

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CONCLUSION: rule out - E

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Panel

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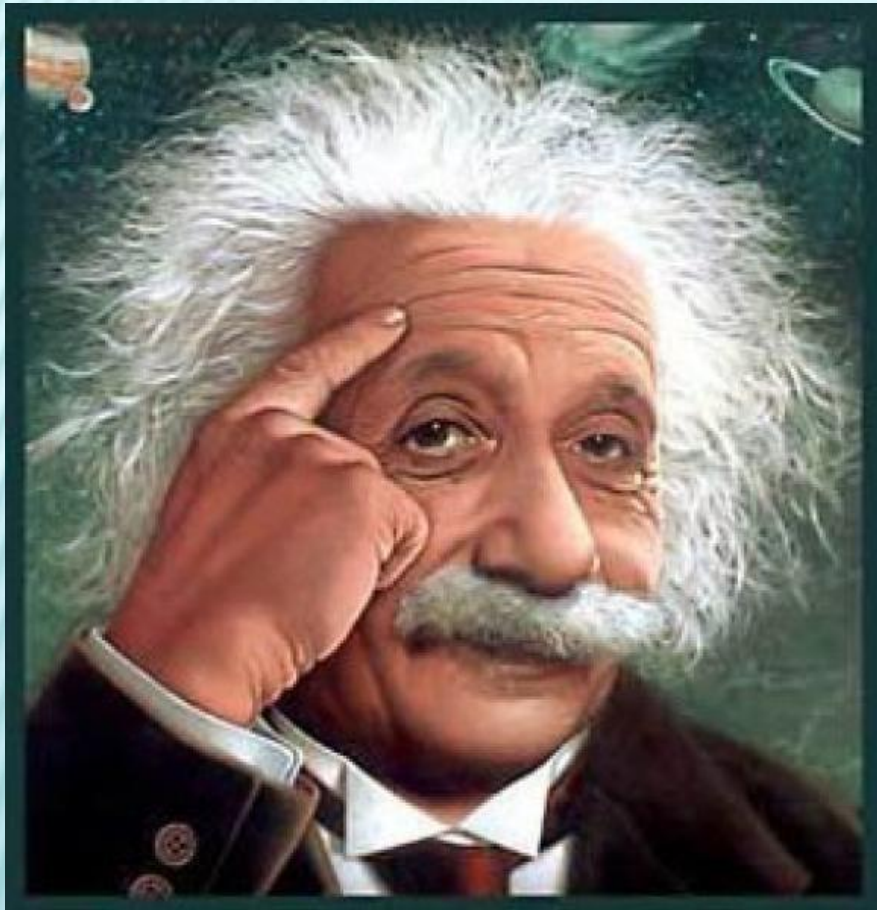
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IN OUR INFINITE WISDOM, WE CONCLUDED...



What we have here is a delayed transfusion reaction going on!

- × The patient's plasma demonstrated a previously identified *anti-E* and a newly formed *anti-Jkb*!
- × The patient's DAT was positive with polyspecific and -IgG Coombs reagent and negative with -C3 reagent.
- × The patient's eluate demonstrated anti-Jkb only
- × We crossmatched 2 E -, Jkb - units of blood!

We're on a roll...

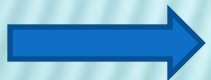


WE HAD IT UNDER CONTROL.. OR SO WE THOUGHT!

We had transfused him with **2 units of “compatible” blood**, so why was his hgb dropping ?

Transfused one unit on 10-22 and one unit on 10-23

Date	Hgb	LDH
10/24	6.9	1720
10/25	6.7	1756
10/26	5.6	2700
10/27	5.3	2051
10/28	5.2	1805

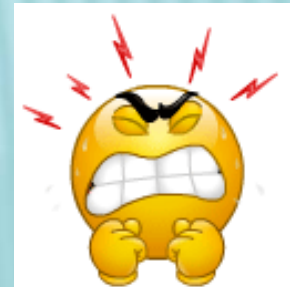


NOT TO WORRY.... THE DOCTOR ORDERED **2 MORE UNITS OF BLOOD ASAP!**

Oct. 27, 2012

- × We received a new sample
- × Performed a T&S
- × Ordered **2 A+, E-, Jkb-** units from Community Blood Center
- × Crossmatched units using gel technology
- × Units were 2+ incompatible!
- × Repeated work-up, appeared no new antibodies had formed !

WHAT THE HECK!!! Time to send it on
down the road to Community Blood Center



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CONCLUSION: 7/8

F Neg, Jkb unit INcompat with pt ~~★~~ CBC Consult (pos DAT + Recpt T)

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WHAT DID OUR FRIENDS IN IRL SAY?



Tell us, wise Julie K. We know that you can figure it out!!



Community Blood Center Report

Oct. 28, 2012

- × Patient's plasma contains the previously reported anti-E and anti- Jkb
- × Patient's cells are weakly coated with IgG
- × An eluate prepared from the patient's cells was **reactive with one example of A1, A2 and B cells**
- × The **plasma** was also found to contain **anti-A1**
- × *The –A1 and –B reactivity in the eluate and the –A1 in the patient's plasma is most likely due to **passively acquired antibody from IVIg administration** reported by the hospital! (10-26-12)*

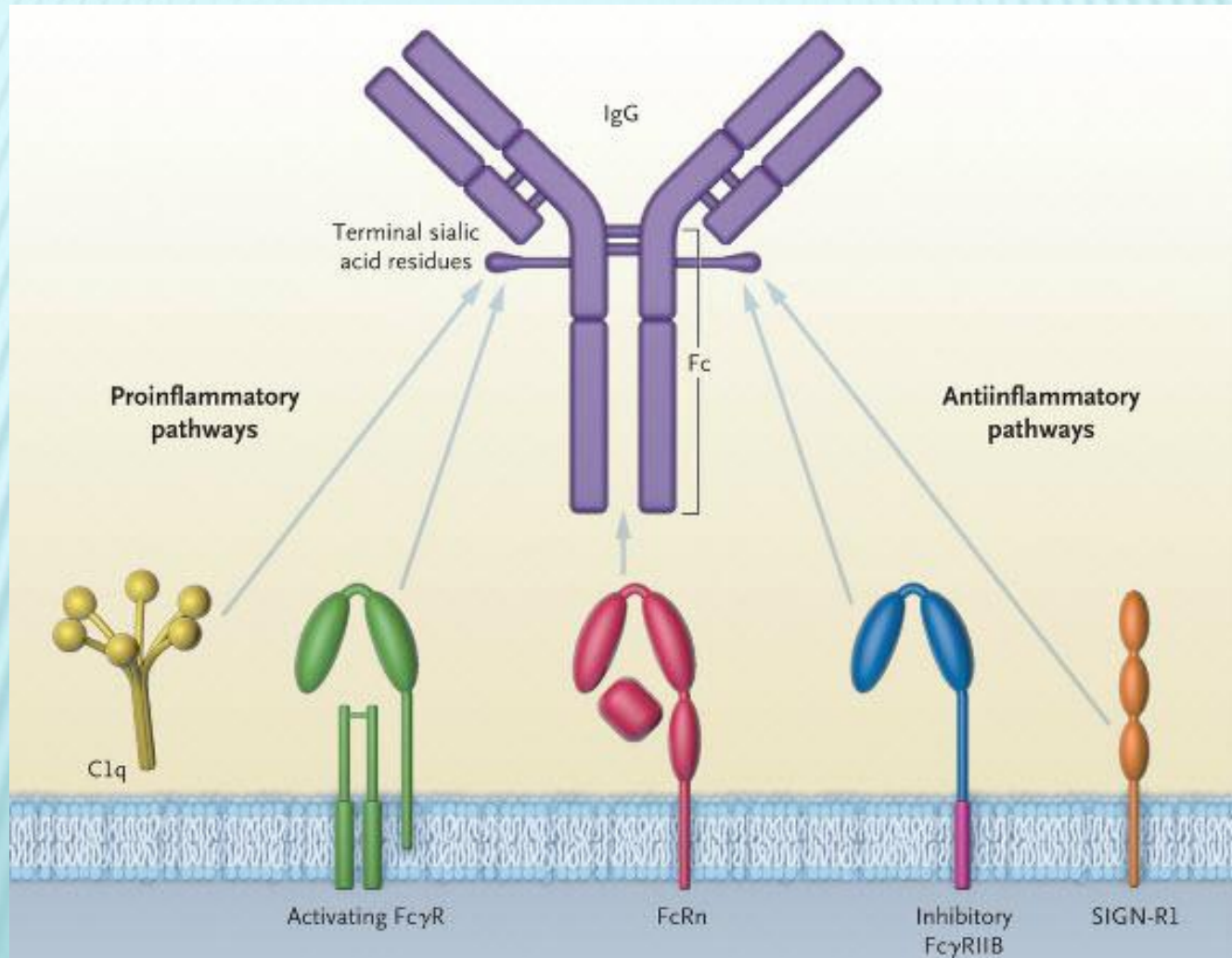
WHAT IS IVIG?



- × First used in 1952 to treat immunodeficiency
- × Contains pooled immunoglobulin G (IgG-polyclonal) from thousands of donors
- × Treated with physical and chemical viral inactivating regimens
- × IVIg therapy has evolved over the past 60 years

IMMUNOMODULATING AGENT

SEVERAL MECHANISMS



FYI....

- × Dosage: 2 g/kg of body weight, over a period of 2-5 days on a monthly basis
- × **\$48-\$68/gram**
- × Single IVIg infusion:
\$3,000/child;
\$10,000/adult
- × India: \$25/gram
- × Pakistan: \$20/gram
- × China: \$17/gram
- × Bangladesh: \$10/gram



IVIG THERAPY

FDA approved:

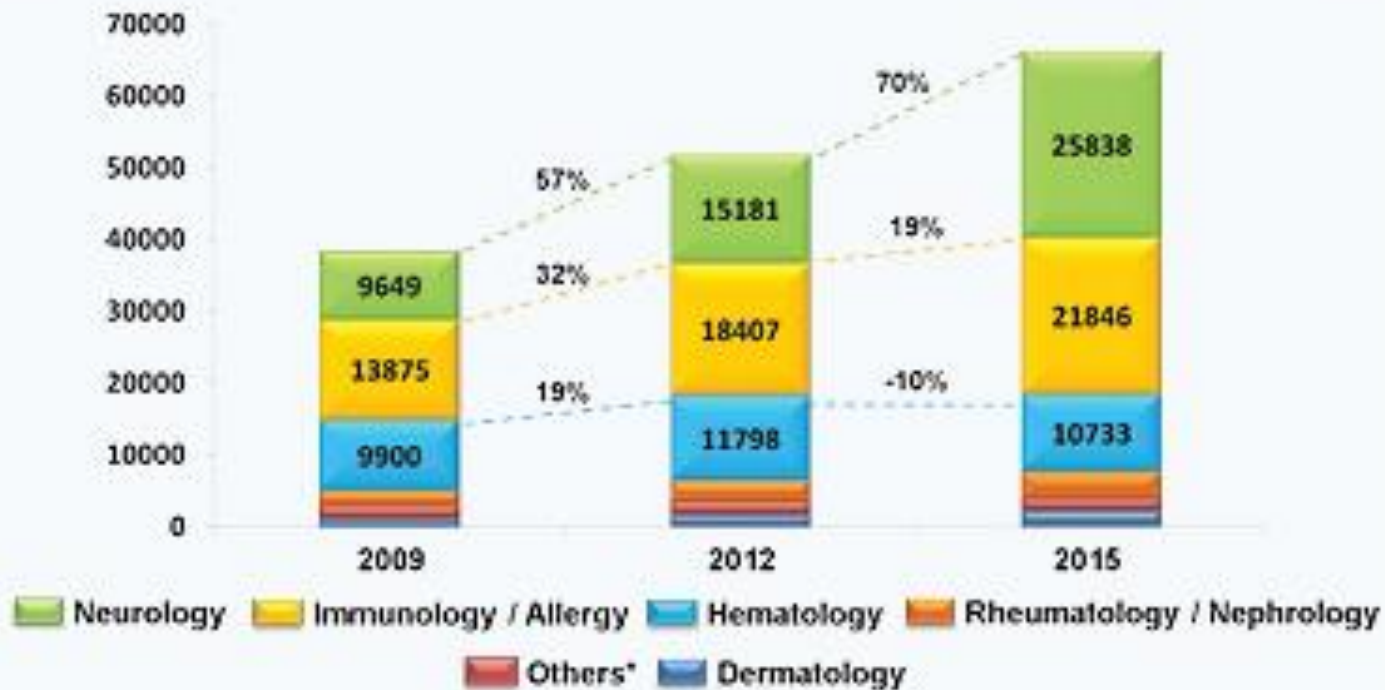
- × *Primary immunodeficiencies*
- × *Immune-mediated thrombocytopenia*
- × *Kawasaki disease*
- × *Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (>20 years)*
- × *Chronic B-cell lymphocytic leukemia*
- × *Pediatric HIV type 1 infection*

Off Label use: (growing...)

- × *Aplastic Anemia*
- × *HDFN*
- × *Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia*
- × *Refractoriness to platelet trans.*
- × *Multiple sclerosis*
- × *Alzheimer's Disease*
- × *Fibromyalgia*
- × *Asthma*
- × *Multiple myeloma*
- × *Diabetes mellitus*
- × *Chronic Fatigue Syndrome*
- × *Hemolytic Transfusion Reaction*

PROJECTED USE OF IVIG

Ig Growth in Grams by Medical Specialty



*Cardiology, Infectious Disease, Ophthalmology

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5.7 Interference With Laboratory Tests

After infusion of IgG, the transitory rise of the various passively transferred antibodies in the patient's blood may yield positive serological testing results, with the potential for *misleading interpretation*.

Passive transmission of antibodies to erythrocyte antigens (e.g., **A**, B, and D) may cause a **positive direct or indirect antiglobulin (Coombs') test**.

OUR PATIENT STILL NEEDS BLOOD!

- × According to CBC, nothing “new” except the *passive anti-A* from the IVIg
- × Transfused him with a total of 3 units:
O positive, E- Jkb- units
- × On Oct. 29th, hgb up to 8.4 g/dl
- × Very positive outcome!

DISCHARGE NOTES

“... underwent a splenectomy on 10/30/12. His hemoglobin then stabilized and was about 9 g/dl at the time of discharge. The patient no longer had any symptoms. He was recovering well from his laparoscopic splenectomy, sitting up in a chair and ambulating freely. The patient was instructed to return to his primary care physician’s office within one week to have a repeat CBC.”



LESSONS LEARNED



“We’re still working on it...
We’ll let you know when we
have compatible blood
available!”

- × Look at the BIG picture
- × Where did that –Jkb come from? Had he been transfused somewhere else recently?
- × When we’ve identified the obvious offenders (-E,- Jkb) what else is going on (what is the blood type of the patient?)
- × Consider the drug history
- × If IVIg given, **run eluate against A1 and B cells** in addition to screening cells
- × Switch over to “O” cells if indicated

TRANSFUSION, VOLUME 48, AUGUST 2008

“Hemolytic transfusion reactions after administration of intravenous immune (gamma) globulin”

Daw, Padmore, Neurath, Cober Tokessy, Desjardins, Olberg, Tinmouth and Giulivi

- × Case series that summarized observations of hemolytic reactions after the administration of large amounts of IVIG.
- × 16 cases were identified over a 2 ½ year period at the Ottawa Hospital of 1000 patients receiving IVIG (1.6%). Characteristics of the patients: Large dose of IVIG, female sex and non-O blood group.
- × Conclusions: Significant hemolysis may occur after the administration of large doses of IVIG; (passive antibodies identified: -A and -B)
- × 2 step mechanism of hemolysis proposed: sensitization by ABO isohemagglutinins followed by phagocytosis by activated macrophages.



THANK YOU!

Just when you think you're having a great day..

Here comes a positive antibody screen, "Great" you say!

You've run panels, DAT's and elutions to no avail

"I'm tired of working on this mess!" you start to wail

Check on the diagnosis and drug history- it's part of the game!

If IVIg is lurking around, a passive antibody may be to blame!

Remember your other options to help you out

You're friendly IRL is available- just give them a shout!

QUESTIONS?????