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Passing on our skills to others

In the not too distant past, it was assumed that “once qualified, always qualified”.

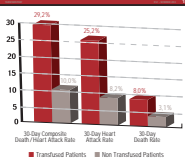
How times have changed. “Continuing Professional Development” has proved its place. Medicine has always needed to move with the times, whether it was the arrival of insulin, antibiotics, psychotropics, or blood transfusion; and in the latter field training now needs to be devoted to clinically safe transfusion policies, from “vein to vein” and a working knowledge of all aspects of transfusion.

With the passing of the “hey-day” of blood group serology, we now simply advocate making ABO/Rh compatible blood available on the basis of a “group-and-screen”. However, this is all very well for the highly industrialised nations - what about the less industrialised? Paradoxically, automation developments in industrialised nations have “de-skilled” the “experts”. The good news is, however, that training and development is not a foreign concept to several of the “older” generation. For example, the “International Division” of the National Blood Service of England has identified the need for CPD programmes for all technical, scientific and clinical consultants in this field. Change is now a way of life; we can only survive by adaptability, a willingness to embrace the best of change, and by passing on our skills to others.

Frank Boulton
Editorial board ■

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