

# BLOOD SYNERGY OPEN MEETING

3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022



Our first Open Meeting saw an array of insightful presentations, and a wonderful day of transfusion research discussions with collaborators and colleagues. Held May 2022, the majority of attendees and presenters joined the meeting online due to ongoing COVID-19 travel and isolation restrictions.

The meeting commenced with an overview of evidence gaps and research priorities, with presentations delivered by members of the National Blood Authority, Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, and the Victorian Blood Matters program. Prof Craig French provided an update on the latest patient blood management guidelines, whilst Prof Michael Reade gave a summary of evidence gaps in critical bleeding and critical care. Dr Lisa Higgins highlighted the need for an economic analysis of immunoglobulin use, and Dr Brenton Sanderson introduced us to machine learning possibilities in haematology. We were also treated to study updates on the National Transfusion Dataset, observational studies in intensive care blood practice, as well as the FEISTY II, REDDS-2 and RATIONALISE trials. The day was rounded out by a presentation from our UK-based investigator Prof Simon Stanworth on international collaborations in transfusion medicine.

