

# BLOODSTAR News

BloodSTAR – Australia's immunoglobulin management system

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## BloodSTAR Go live update: Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland Now Live

BloodSTAR is now live in NT, SA and QLD with close to 4000 active patients and 3000 users accessing BloodSTAR as either, Authorisers, Medical Officers or Nurses. Despite a few minor problems that were quickly resolved by the NBA and Australian Red Cross Blood Service, BloodSTAR is working successfully for all patients and key stakeholders.

*"This is the first government IT system that actually saves me time!"* Dr Daman Langguth, Clinical Immunologist, SNP in Queensland.

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## BloodSTAR in NSW: Postponed implementation in NSW

The NSW Ministry of Health and the National Blood Authority have confirmed that the go-live date for BloodSTAR in NSW, tentatively planned for 7 November, has been postponed until a date to be confirmed in 2017. The postponement is necessary because, as yet, specific issues that impact on the implementation of BloodSTAR in NSW have not been resolved. The Ministry of Health and the National Blood Authority are continuing to work towards an acceptable solution. This date change is relevant to all public and private facilities across the State. Further communications will be distributed in the future to outline the new go live date and implementation strategy.

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## Training Calendar: register now for VIC

### BloodSTAR Go Live Training

Multiple one hour face-to-face training sessions are being provided at the below facilities by the NBA in preparation for BloodSTAR. There will be separate training sessions for prescribers, nurses and dispensers. These sessions will go through the BloodSTAR in depth and discuss the functionality available from go live onwards.

## Victorian Training Calendar

Session Times	Date	Locations
8.30am – 4pm	Monday 5 September	The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville
8.30am – 12pm	Monday 5 September	Albury Wodonga Health
8.45am – 12.15pm	Monday 5 September	Austin Hospital, Heidelberg
1.30pm – 5pm	Monday 5 September	Box Hill Hospital, Box Hill
1.30pm – 5pm	Monday 5 September	North East Health Wangaratta
8.30am – 4pm	Tuesday 6 September	Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville
9am – 10am	Tuesday 6 September	Sunshine Hospital, Sunshine
1pm – 2pm	Tuesday 6 September	Cabrini Hospital, Malvern
11am – 2.30pm	Tuesday 6 September	Bendigo Health
3pm – 4pm	Tuesday 6 September	Australian Clinical Labs Bendigo
8.30am – 12pm	Wednesday 7 September	St Vincent's Hospital
8.30 – 12pm	Wednesday 7 September	Ballarat Public Hospital
1pm – 4.30pm	Wednesday 7 September	Peter MacCallum Centre
2pm – 3pm	Wednesday 7 September	St John of God Pathology, Geelong
3.30pm – 5.45pm	Wednesday 7 September	Barwon Health
8.30am – 12pm	Thursday 8 September	Frankston Hospital
8.30am – 4pm	Thursday 8 September	Monash Medical Centre, Clayton
1.15pm – 5pm	Thursday 8 September	Dandenong Hospital
10am – 11.15am	Friday 9 September	Melbourne Pathology, Collingwood
9.45am – 4pm	Friday 9 September	The Alfred Hospital
12.30pm – 4pm	Friday 9 September	The Northern Hospital
1.30pm – 5pm	Friday 9 September	LaTrobe Regional Hospital

(TBC – To be confirmed)

### How to register

For more information about session times or to register for a session, please refer to details available at [www.blood.gov.au/bloodstar](http://www.blood.gov.au/bloodstar), contact the NBA on 13 000 BLOOD (13 000 25663) or [support@blood.gov.au](mailto:support@blood.gov.au). Look out for training in other states and territories in upcoming editions of BloodSTAR Newsletter closer to rollouts dates in those areas.

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## Immunoglobulin Governance National Policy: Second Edition Now Available

The National Policy for Access to Government Funded Immunoglobulin Products in Australia was recently revised, and is now applicable to the implementation of BloodSTAR in July 2016. For more information about the policy or to view, download or order a hard copy of the updated edition that is relevant to those now live with BloodSTAR, please go to <https://www.blood.gov.au/ig-governance>.

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## Immunoglobulin Inventory Management Guidelines: Now Available

The National Blood Authority has published module 2 of the Inventory Management Guidelines 'Managing Intravenous and Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin Inventory'. This guideline will assist health providers to meet the requirements of the Ig Governance National Policy by;

1. describing how to establish and manage stock levels,

2. outlining the Ig product ordering modules,
3. identifying different methods to determine ordering requirements/trigger, and
4. providing recommendations for good practice.

To access the new module, please go to <https://www.blood.gov.au/inv-mgt-guideline>.

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## Travelling Patient: Is your patient receiving immunoglobulin products and travelling interstate?

If you have a patient who is on BloodSTAR and travelling to a State/Territory not yet on BloodSTAR **OR** your State/Territory is not yet on BloodSTAR and your patient is travelling to a State/Territory where BloodSTAR is live, please go to [www.blood.gov.au/bloodstar](http://www.blood.gov.au/bloodstar) for further information on how to manage and organise treatment for your travelling patient.

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## For further information and how to sign up for newsletters

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