

MOBILE BLOOD COLLECTING CENTER – A THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE

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Three years ago we drawn attention upon the Mobile Blood Collection, a concept of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation issued within the Romanian Transfusion System.

The bus used for the mobile whole blood collection was a real challenge. Thus, all the procedures (blood donation promotion, data registration, medical advice, pre-donation analysis, blood collection and post-donation surveillance) had to be adapted to the limited space of a bus, without affecting the quality of blood collection enforced by The Good Transfusion Practice.

The presented data are the result of the continuous efforts of our team, eager to assimilate the newest work procedures, and very much aware of the importance of changes in volunteer and non-remunerated blood donation concept.

The presented data are structured as before, in two levels: 1. by quantity (number of potential donors, number of real donations) and 2. by quality (number of collected blood units, registered by quantity criteria or by post-donation analysis).

The obtained results emphasize once more the importance of this new concept for regarding the quality of the transfusional blood. After three years experience the conclusions are as follows: a) the mobile blood collection is not only possible but could be performed in all blood donation centers being endowed with appropriate buses because the specific blood collection activities are performed in optimal conditions, according to UE requirements; b) blood donation promotion should be performed by a well trained qualified personnel, having a good organizational expertise due to the increasing number of companies willing to participate in such campaigns; is still necessary to find a legal way for fundraising for both bus maintenance and medical staff, which, we must underline, always worked with much enthusiasm and altruism even during holydays.

This new concept of blood collection should become strong enough to prevail over the whole collecting activities in blood transfusion centers.