

The Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine
Abbreviations and Terminology

ACE inhibitors	angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors
ADAMTS13	a disintegrin & metalloprotease with a thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13
AHF	antihemophilia factor
AHG	antihuman globulin
aPTT	activated partial thromboplastin time
ASFA	American Society for Apheresis
BMT	bone marrow transplant
BNP	B-type natriuretic peptide
CAP	College of American Pathologists
CBC	complete blood count
CD	cluster designation
CFR	code of federal regulation
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvements Amendments
CMV	cytomegalovirus
CONSORT	consolidated standards of reporting trials
CT	computerized tomography
CXR	chest x-ray
DAT	direct antiglobulin test
DDAVP	1-desamino-8-D-arginine vasopressin (desmopressin)
DVT	deep vein thrombosis
EIA	enzyme immunoassay
EKG	echocardiogram
EPO	erythropoietin
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FFP	fresh frozen plasma
G-CSF	granulocyte colony stimulating factor
GI	gastrointestinal
GVHD	graft vs. host disease
H1 & H2	histamine 1 & 2
HBV	hepatitis B virus
HCT	hematocrit
HCV	hepatitis C virus
HDFN	hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
HPA	human platelet antigen
HPC	hematopoietic progenitor cell
HTLV	human T-lymphotropic virus
ICU	intensive care unit
IgG	immunoglobulin G
INR	international normalized ratio
ITP	immune thrombocytopenic purpura
IVIG	intravenous immune globulin
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase

LISS	low ionic strength solution
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
NAT	nucleic acid amplification test
PEG	polyethylene glycol
PLT	platelet
PO	per os (by mouth)
PT	prothrombin time
RBC	red blood cell
RhIG	Rh immune globulin
RPM	revolutions per minute
SBB	specialist in blood banking
TACO	transfusion associated circulatory overload
TRALI	transfusion related acute lung injury
TTP	thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
VWF	von Willebrand factor
WBC	white blood cell/count

Change Coombs to AHG Change Aprotinin to DDAVP Rh negative, not Rh-

