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This project explored the effectiveness of case studies as an independent study aid for medical laboratory technology students. Eighty students enrolled in MLT 137: Immunohematology at El Centro College Dallas, Texas participated in this study. The research questions investigated focused on the student preference, the effectiveness, and the perceived student satisfaction for this method. A case study booklet containing 10 case studies was designed to cover the objectives for the course. The test group composed of 40 students utilized the booklet as an independent study aid. When pretest and posttest gain scores were compared between the test group and the control group, a significant difference in performance was determined by the <u>t</u> test. In addition to

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the improved performance, the student preference and satisfaction with this method were affirmed.

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Chapter I

THE PROBLEM AND ITS BACKGROUND

The Clinical Laboratory Sciences category of Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) was first certified by the Board of Registry of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists in 1969. For Registry gualification, an individual must have completed a 2 year associate degree program accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) of the Committee on Allied Health and Accreditation Because this position was initially designed to (CAHEA). fulfill basic laboratory functions in predominately rural areas, the community or junior college provided the perfect educational facility. The more complicated procedures and the corresponding technology was limited to the larger medical facilities located in the metropolitan areas. During the 1970s, the Medical Technologist (MT), a baccalaureate degreed individual, performed the more involved procedures. The majority of the Medical Technology programs were hospital based programs, so the major medical centers conveniently staffed their laboratories with program graduates.

Tremendous advances in the field of Medical Technology have occurred within the last 10 years but these advances have

been paralleled with a disturbing decrease in enrollment in medical technology programs. The recent technical advances coupled with the decrease in prospective MTs has caused a great expansion in the role of the Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT). This expanded role now challenges MLT programs to produce an extensively prepared professional within the same time frame allotted to this task 20 years ago. With increased amounts of material being presented, the MLT student must be encouraged to enhance his or her comprehension and retention abilities.

Statement of the Problem

Due to the advances in the field and the increases in the amount of material that must be presented and retained, the MLT educator must employ a variety of teaching techniques to enhance comprehension and retention. One such technique could be the case study. Although the case study is commonly used in the field, its effectiveness has not been evaluated with this student population. Therefore, the problem in this study will be to determine the effectiveness of the case study method for information retention and the satisfaction level of the student with this method.

Statement of the Purpose

This study has attempted to determine the effectiveness of the case study in the sample population. Along with deter-

mining the student perception of satisfaction with this technique, this study has evaluated the capacity of case studies to increase comprehension and retention of information in medical laboratory technology.

Research Questions

For the purposes of this study the following research questions were asked:

- Do MLT students consider case studies a preferable aid for independent study?
- 2. Can case studies be effective in increasing comprehension and retention?
- 3. What level of satisfaction is achieved through the use of case studies by the MLT student?

Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this study the terms are defined as follows:

<u>Case study</u>. A form of simulation used to present material pertaining to a specific example.

<u>Comprehension</u>. The understanding and application of specific concepts and information.

Effectiveness. A quantifiable measurement in information retention.

Independent study aid. A technique used by a student to increase the effectiveness of individual study.

<u>Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)</u>. An individual who meets those requirements established by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists Board of Registry.

<u>Medical Laboratory Technology program</u>. A program which offers a course of professional study accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Medical Laboratory Technology student. A student enrolled in an accredited Medical Laboratory Technology program.

Retention. The retaining of information.

<u>Satisfaction level</u>. The degree of contentment awarded to an activity.

<u>Simulation</u>. A technique used to present "real life" situations in a controlled setting.

Assumptions

The assumptions of this study included the following:

The participant classes were comparable in performance.

2. The students of the test group utilized the case studies uniformly.

3. Effectiveness can be measured.

4. Satisfaction levels can be measured.

Limitations

The limitation of the study is that only one Medical Laboratory Technology program participated which affects the ability to generalize this information.

Significance of the Study

This study could provide information encouraging other MLT educators to explore various teaching techniques for increasing retention and comprehension and for achieving student satisfaction factors. If validated, this study could result in the incorporation of this teaching strategy into Medical Laboratory Technology Programs.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Expanding Role of MLT

The position of Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) was first established in 1969. The initial duty of the MLT included performing routine laboratory procedures in mostly Educating the prospective MLT was small, rural hospitals. undertaken largely from a vocational approach concluded within 18 months to 2 years. Because the Medical Technology field was rather limited in scope at this time, the 2 year, task-oriented training program proved very effective. With major advancements occurring in the field within the last 10 years, the function of laboratory medicine, including the role of the MLT, has expanded tremendously (Peschel, 1989). This expanding role presents great challenges to both the student and instructor involved in MLT education. As stated by Sultz, Sawner, and Sherwin (1984), "the maintenance of clinical competence in all of health care . . . may be considered the responsibility of the educational institutions. Thus, the role of educational institutions grows with each biomedical advance"(p.275).

MLT programs are still limited to a 2 year time period

but the amount of material that must be presented and retained has increased as much as ten-fold (Peschel, 1989). Not only has the scope of practice increased, but also the types of laboratory settings in which MLTs must perform are constantly expanding. This poses yet another challenge to the educator. According to Tornyay (1989) ". . . new sites of care, such as the home or independent office practice, require a level of judgement that can be achieved best by increased education" (p. 101). The increased educational needs in allied health were recognized federally in a 1979 report to Congress by the Bureau of Health Professionals. The fifth of the Bureau's six objectives stated that there was a need to "Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the education and training of health personnel" (p. 20).

The evidence consistently proves that more education is warranted. However, the most effective means of providing greater amounts of information to the students in what has become an inadequate amount of time remains undetermined. MLT faculty is now charged with producing an individual who can function in every aspect of a more diverse laboratory setting with increasingly higher anticipated levels of expertise. Sultz et al. (1984) emphasized that "entry-level preparation should develop both the skills for life-long learning and the expectation that the exercise of those skills is a continuing, individual obligation" (p. 276). Because a graduate's

performance greatly depends on his or her level of retention, educators must employ a variety of teaching techniques that will enhance student retention of vital information.

Comprehension and Retention

Comprehend by definition is "to grasp mentally; to understand" (Webster, p. 128). Comprehension is considered the ability to comprehend. Hoover (1980) contends that comprehension should be considered in a ranging category. He stated that comprehension constitutes not only the "lowest level of understanding" but also "at the highest level . . . the learner may be able to extend thinking beyond the data" (p.26). Comprehension is readily enforced through application of presented material. For example, Hoover relayed the case "science student who draws conclusions of the from а particular experiment at the comprehension level and [sic] is now able to apply the basic principle(s) to related experiments" (p. 26). Once comprehension and application are engaged, "review and practice contribute substantially to retention" (p. 153).

By definition the word retention is the "capacity for retaining" (Webster, p. 511). Retain according to Webster is "to hold in; to keep in mind" (p. 510). The allied health educator must become more involved in enhancing the retention capabilities of students. Being a technical field of study,

medical laboratory technology is extremely fact-based. Bevis (1978) stated that the recall of "facts" decreases at a high rate. As an example, at the conclusion of a course with primary objectives directed to the learning of facts, the learner can remember about three-fourths of the information; at the end of the year he can remember half of the information; and only one fourth of the material 2 years Retention is essential to the MLT. Many graduates later. experience as long as a 6 month hiatus between the completion of the MLT program and their sitting for the national certifying examinations. The necessity for retention is epitomized when considering the final outcome of an MLT's performance--patient welfare. Roberts and Thurston (1984) observed that "teaching methodology is a factor that may strongly influence knowledge acquisition and retention" (p. 21).

Learning Style Preferences

Vittetoe in a 1983 study stated that "learning styles are probably acquired through direct experience with the modes of learning that have given the learner satisfaction and success" (p. 661). Perhaps the most effective teaching methodology would be one that was specifically designed for or at least applied to the particular student population. Vittetoe in the same study evaluated the learning style preferences of a group of medical technology (MT) students. She concluded that MT

students preferred learning in the "concrete dimension" (p. 662). The student preferred "learning tangible, specific, tasks, with focus skills practical on in а [sic] well-organized, teacher directed class, with expectations, assignments and goals clearly identified" (p.662). These results classified MT students in Kolb's Learning Style Inventory as "accommodators" which are defined as individuals who "lean toward concrete experience and active experimentation" (p. 661).

Simulation/Case Studies

Simulation and case studies provide the mechanism to create concrete learning experiences and imitate active experimentation. Simulations are used frequently in allied health education. Knopke and Diekelmann (1978) asserted that simulation "can be used in many ways to facilitate the achievement of different types of learning objectives" (p. 79). Through enhancing this achievement, simulation "can aid in the acquisition and retention of factual knowledge" (p. 79). The major advantage of using simulation in a health care setting is "the fact that all students can be allowed full responsibility for their own behavior without risk to anyone" (p. 79). Sagen (1976) described simulation as "the representation of a problem or phenomenon in a more simplified form that directs the student to key elements" (Jacobs, p.23). He identifies three types of simulation:

<u>symbolic</u>, that is, verbal, pictorial, or statistical presentation of problems or situations; <u>mechanical</u> such as computerized mechanical patients which simulate various symptoms; and <u>interpersonal</u>, such as role playing among students, or the use of role-playing nonprofessional to develop diagnostic and other problem-solving competencies (p. 23).

According to Mays (1983), MLT students "preferred not to act out a role" (p. 722) which indicated that interpersonal simulation would not be effective for this student population. Yet, she determined that "the students preferred 'categorical reasoning' as a basis for accepting or rejecting ideas and preferred to use deductive syllogistic reasoning for inferences" (p. 722). The information provided in symbolic simulation very often incorporates these types of reasoning skills for resolution. Mays also stated that MLT students are "capable of making decisions on their own and should do well studying independently" (p. 772). Symbolic simulation can be presented as the case study. This case approach as described by Hoover "may be used to resolve problems and to derive principles" (p. 99).

Case Studies in Related Fields

The case study method has become a more prevalent teaching strategy in the field of medicine particularly in the area of nursing education. Gessner (1986) referenced the adult education concept of "Start where the learner is" (p. 215) as the beckoning call to use the case study method. She contended that "the educator is challenged to find some method or practice to interest the learner in the content and enhance continued interest" (p. 215). The case study method appeared to meet this challenge.

Tarcinale (1987) identified seven steps necessary to design a good case study:

1. The purpose and objectives (expected behavioral outcomes of the learner) must be clearly stated and understood by the instructor. . . 2. The story line used to create the case study should be developed from one (or more) cases that the instructor is familiar with.... 3. Organize the case study into proper sequence and introduce it slowly. . . . 4. Use the opportunity to prod learners into thinking. . . . 5. Design the case study as to address no more than three or four objectives. . . . 6. The inclusion of imagery can be helpful to the learner only if the pictures or illustrations complement the information presented and do not conflict with it. . . 7. Present thought-provoking questions to the learner about the case study by stimulating them to draw on some of the new information to produce a new response. (p. 341)

He justified the case study benefit when he stated that "the learner is capable of identifying several characteristics in the case study that he or she understands and can use this information to explain or respond to questions about the case study" (p.341). Gessner (1986) experienced similar results with her students and cited the following advantages:

The content can be introduced in a stimulating manner in a short period of time . . . The case study captures and maintains the interest of the learner. . . Credibility of the instructor as a knowledgeable practitioner is established when case examples from practice are presented. (p. 215)

She also cited as a major advantage the fact that the "learner evaluation feedback indicates that this is an interesting and helpful teaching methodology" (p.215). Huston and Marquis (1987) conducted a study that evaluated the effect of case studies on improving decision-making skills for senior nursing students. They cited advantages for both the learner and instructor as a result.

Case studies have been used for a variety of topics direct patient care, ethics, including the areas of supervision, nursing diagnosis, and decision-making skills. Edwards and Marier observed that the case study method was used in many medical residency programs as a mechanism for "verifying skills in history-taking and physical examination, encouraging clinical decision-making, assisting in the setting priorities for patient-care responsibilities, qiving of feedback on clinical performance and management decisions" The areas most affected by the case study approach (p.223). appear to be those involving higher learning levels such as the cognitive domain. Scanlan (1978) identified case studies as a mechanism by which "learners can be encouraged to develop refine high-order cognitive skills" (p. 125). He and emphasized that through this method "students are required to organize their thinking and establish meaningful relationships

between otherwise discrete elements of theory and practice" (p. 125). In a 1988 study utilizing case studies to teach nursing diagnosis, Crosby and Dunn surmised "that understanding of the information precluded accurate usage. . operationalized Understanding was as accurate identification of nursing diagnoses represented in simulation situations--case studies [sic]" (p. 212). Yoder (1990) supported the effectiveness of case studies in the cognitive domain, but she concluded the most valuable aspect of this method was that "carefully designed and strategically placed case studies add an exciting dimension to any learning experience" (p.277).

Evaluating Case Study Effectiveness

Because case studies most often involve the cognitive domain of learning, a combination of testing strategies have been documented as necessary for evaluation. Hoover (1980) suggested that "one of the most effective means of evaluating student mastery of case studies is to give them a case similar to the one they have been studying and then ask them to answer questions about it" (p. 212). This type of testing could be readily adapted to a classroom setting, but unfortunately national examinations that regulate competent entrance into the field of medical technology were not designed to allow for this type of questioning. Therefore, multiple-choice tests

must be used in an appropriate manner that accommodates evaluating different knowledge levels. McGuire (1983)supported the use of multiple-choice questions for evaluating this variety of knowledge levels. She noted that "the most important innovation (in multiple-choice tests) has been the increasingly widely accepted practice of designing items to a table of test specifications that included, preferably, both cognitive skill and content domains" (p. 263). When multiple-choice questions are designed in this manner, McGuire observed the tests "are regularly shown to assess a broader and more relevant range of competencies" (p. 263). She compared the case study evaluation, as Hoover recommended, to the multiple-choice test technique and determined that the performance between the two "are in general agreement . . . as would be expected" (p. 268).

Summary

Because the role of laboratory medicine has been constantly expanding since 1969, the position of the MLT now entails a greater knowledge base. This knowledge must be provided to the MLT student at an accelerated pace over a maximum 2 year period. Literature affirmed that MLT faculty must ensure successful comprehension and retention of presented material. Vittitoe (1983) contended that learner satisfaction directly related to learner success and that this satisfaction was dependent on learning style. She classified medical technology students as "accommodators" according to Kolb's Learning Style Inventory. "Accommodators" preferred "concrete experiences and active experimentation." Case studies provided a means to oblige these preferences. Case studies have been most often associated with the higher level of knowledge. Because the use of this method incorporates the application of knowledge, success implied comprehension. Measuring success with this method has been accomplished by both case study presentation and multiple-choice tests. Although this method is widely used in other areas of medical education, the success of case studies with this student population was not addressed in current literature.

CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGY

This study was conducted to determine the effectiveness of case studies as an independent study aid for Medical Laboratory Technology students. This was a descriptive study which incorporated a pretest/posttest design using ex post facto data. A Likert-format questionnaire was used to gather informational data. This chapter describes the setting, the population and sample, the instruments used, the data collection, and the treatment of that data.

Setting

The pretests and posttests as well as the satisfaction surveys were administered to first year students enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Technology program at El Centro College. The administration occurred in a traditional classroom setting.

Population and Sample

The population consisted of Medical Laboratory Technology students from El Centro College. The sample of convenience included those students enrolled in MLT 137:Immunohematology. The actual sample size was 80 students. The test group

consisted of 40 students who received the MLT 137 Course Syllabus containing the case study booklet. The control group was composed of those students who used the MLT 137 Course Syllabus prior to the case study addition.

Protection of Human Subjects and Agency Approval

Permission to administer the tests and survey and to utilize the data was secured from the El Centro College MLT program director. See Appendix A.

This study was exempt from review by the Human Subjects Review Committee because the subject matter was categorized as research conducted on the effectiveness of an instructional technique. The last four digit number derived from their social security number was assigned to each participant to ensure anonymity. For example, a social security number of 463-33-5796 was identification number 5796.

Instruments

Case Study Booklet

Objectives for 10 separate case studies were written based on the MLT 137 course outline and general objectives (see Appendix B). Between four to six objectives pertained to each case. The booklet was composed of two major sections (see Appendix C). The first section presented the cases including the intended objectives, the case study, and study questions. The second section contained the answers to the questions posed in section one. Before completion, the booklet was reviewed by a peer group of four. The group included the MLT program director, the associate dean of the Health Occupations division, and two blood bank specialists. Changes were made as necessary following the recommendations of the review group (see Appendix D). The changes were primarily clerical along with one antigram correction and the addition of one question for clarification. During the last two weeks of MLT 137, the test group was given instructions for use of the case study packet. Each student was allowed one week to utilize the case studies.

Pretest and Posttest

The pretest given before the case study booklet was utilized encompassed all course objectives for MLT 137. The final examination for MLT 137 provided the posttest data used in this study. This test covered specific objectives covered in class and duplicated in the case study booklet. The test questions for both examinations were derived directly from stated objectives. Test reliability was determined after the first 20 students had participated and subsequently with the administration of each examination. The item analysis performed provided the frequency and proportion for each test item and from that information the reliability coefficient was calculated using the Kuder-Richardson Formula 20. These computations revealed an overall .72 KR20 on the pretest and

a .73 KR20 on the posttest. According to Economics Research, Inc. (1990), the producers of the ParSCORE software utilized by the Health Occupations division, the reliability coefficient should be .70 or higher for a "good" classroom test. The validity was determined for both examinations through peer review. The tests were reviewed by the program director and several blood bank specialists. The point value for both examinations was 150 points each. The examination format included multiple-choice questions, multiple-multiple choice, matching, and short answer (see Apendix E and F).

Student Satisfaction Survey

The Student Satisfaction Survey used in this study was an investigator-made Likert-type perception assessment. The 13 item survey consisted of a five category forced response The responses ranged from agree to disagree with a format. corresponding scale of 1-5. Items 1 and 11 required the Items 2, 3, and 4 were used to enumeration of hours. determine the student's current study aids. Items 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 pertained specifically to the use of case studies. Items 6 and 9 were negative statements. Items 12 and 13 allowed the investigator to ascertain the students' opinions on applied knowledge and retention. At the conclusion of the survey items, a space was provided for any additional comments. Content validity was determined by peer review. The survey was not statistically evaluated for reliability but

the responses from class to class was very consistent.

Data Collection

This investigator was granted permission by the program director to collect ex post facto data and to conduct this study (see Apendix A). All student participants gave verbal permission for their examination scores to be used. The students were informed that their names would not be used in the study and that their anonymity was protected by a coding system derived from their social security numbers. Data collection for the control group included the MLT 137 classes of 1986, 1987 and 1988. The MLT 137 classes of 1989, 1990, and 1991 provided the test group data. The pretest and posttest examinations were administered in the traditional classroom setting. The pretest was administered at the completion of the course objectives within the last two weeks of the Spring semester during a regularly scheduled class session. Following the pretest, the test group was given instructions for using the case study booklet and allowed to use the cases for one week. The posttest was administered during the final week of the Spring semester under the same conditions as the pretest. The Student Satisfaction Survey was administered to the test group following the posttest administration and before the posttest scores were revealed to the participants.

Treatment of the Data

The investigator scored each test. The mean, range, and standard deviation were determined for each group on the pretest and posttest scores. Th \underline{t} test was done to determine the significance between the mean gain scores of the two groups. A .05 significance level was used. Descriptive statistics, such as frequency and percentage were performed on the Student Satisfaction Survey. For the convenience of summarizing the data, the responses of strongly agree "1" and agree "2" (strongly disagree "5" and disagree "4" on items 6 and 9) were interpreted as favorable responses. A response of strongly disagree "5" and disagree "4" (strongly agree "1" and agree "2" on items 6 and 9) were interpreted as unfavorable responses.

CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

This study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of case studies as an independent study aid for Medical Laboratory Technology students. Along with the effectiveness of case studies, this study explored the student's perception of this technique. This chapter presents a description of the participants, the results of the data collected, the statistical analysis of those data, and the correlation to the research questions.

Description of Participants

Eighty first-year students enrolled in MLT 137: Immunohematology in the El Centro College Medical Laboratory Technology Program participated in the study. Ex post facto data collection began with those students enrolled in Spring 1986. Student participation occured over a six year period of time due to class sizes (see Table 1). Because the study was consistently conducted near the completion of the Spring semester (beyond the drop date), subject mortality was eliminated. All students completed both the pretest and posttest. The control group had 40 members as did the test group. All participants had very limited immunohematology

Table 1

MLT 137 Class Size

Year	Number of Students	
1986	17	
1987	10	
1988	13	
1989	12	
1990	8	
1991	22	

knowledge and no previous blood bank experience.

Findings by Research Question

The Student Satisfaction Survey utilized in this study presented the information pertaining to the first research question--How do MLT students consider case studies as an independent study aid? The survey revealed that 81% of the test group used independent study aids. The study aids considered in this survey included reading the text, reviewing the lecture material, and utilizing case studies. A majority response of 73% indicated that reading the text proved to be insufficient. For reviewing the lecture material, only 27% strongly agreed that this method was sufficient for test preparation. Another 45% disagreed that this technique was sufficient. Finally, 100% agreed that case studies were a

beneficial use of study time. Analysis of the test score data addressed the second research question--Can case studies be effective in increasing comprehension and retention? The pretest and posttest utilized in this portion of the study were valued at 150 points each. The raw data including mean scores, ranges, and standard deviations for each test in both groups is presented in Table 2. For the control group, the scores on the pretest ranged from 36 to 150 with a mean score of 118 and a standard deviation of 25.8. The posttest for this group ranged from 65 to 150 with a mean of 115 and a standard deviation of 21.2. The test group demonstrated a pretest range from 51 to 150 with a mean of 124 and a standard deviation of 20.8. On the posttest, this group ranged from 57 to 150 with a mean of 128 and a standard deviation of 17.5. The control group demonstrated a decrease in mean scores between pretest and posttest which resulted in a -3.0 gain score. The test group displayed an increase in scores between pretest and posttest and achieved a +3.9 gain score. When observing the raw scores, 45% of the control group experienced an increase in scores between pretest and posttest. In the test group, 70% displayed an increase between the two tests. See Table 3. A t test was performed on the gain scores from the control group versus the test group. The \underline{t} value for the control group compared to the test was 2.11. In order for t to be significant at the .05 level for a two-tailed test, t 79

Table 2

Group	Test	Range	Mean	Standard Deviation
Control	Pretest	36 to 150	118	25.8
	Posttest	65 to 150	115	21.2
Test	Pretest	51 to 150	124	20.8
	Posttest	57 to 150	128	17.5
Note: N	= 40 in Con	trol Group	N = 40 in	Test Group

Mean, Range, and Standard Deviation of Test Scores of the Control and Test Groups

Note: N = 40 in Control Group N = 40 in Test Group must be equal to or greater than 1.991 (80 subjects with 1 degree of freedom).

The Student Satisfaction Survey also provided the data necessary for the third research question--What level of satifaction is achieved through the use of case studies? Based on survey results, the test group members studied immunohematology for one to two hours a night. The week the case studies were utilized, 67% of the group increased their study time to an average of 2.5 hours. When addressing areas of satisfaction, 91% of the responses were favorable. These areas of satisfaction referred to the individual student's perceived satisfaction with the effect of case studies on practical perspective, application of knowledge, recall, comprehension, and retention. The obtained percentages are summarized in Table 4.
Table 3

Pretest/Posttest Raw Test Scores

ID.	Control		ID.	Test	
No.	Pretest	Posttest	No.	Pretest	Posttest
0434	78	88	0553	136	145
0610	145	124	0912	112	127
1147	120	120	0936	133	138
1292	133	127	1023	145	125
2511	136	123	1114	104	114
2630	138	116	1548	150	136
2995	96	103	1566	118	138
3399	108	108	1944	106	126
3710	138	129	2154	137	138
3735	133	126	2454	123	130
3816	124	105	2766	142	128
3960	110	111	2908	120	121
4146	84	81	3567	121	124
4561	101	127	3682	148	144
4738	147	150	3830	136	130
4794	129	135	3928	104	137
4934	122	126	4089	139	141
5037	118	103	4130	125	129
5105	80	118	4207	129	121
5128	117	139	5054	140	127

Table 3, cont'd

Pretest/Posttest Raw Test Scores

ID.	Control		ID.	Test	
No.	Pretest	Posttest	No.	Pretest	Posttest
5204	144	124	5338	51	57
5359	126	127	5750	142	137
5594	133	99	5839	102	120
5856	109	106	5865	138	150
6354	85	101	6008	140	136
6455	108	91	6236	150	142
7130	88	126	6453	126	138
7334	150	129	6474	121	124
7615	88	66	6632	100	108
7953	123	129	6681	109	132
8195	36	65	7437	117	136
8196	145	124	7452	120	126
8283	140	148	7963	75	85
8763	150	148	8088	147	150
8772	89	92	8727	102	99
8925	149	150	8988	122	123
9066	144	135	9025	108	119
9695	139	107	9299	148	128
9731	130	106	9597	134	150
9913	96	87	9838	126	141

Table 4

Summary of Student Satisfaction Survey Items Dealing with Case Studies

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Item subject	Favorable responses %	Unfavorable responses %	Neutral %	
Practical perspective	100			
Application of knowledge	82		18	
Recall	82	9	9	
Comprehension	100			
Retention	92		8	

Summary

The findings presented in this chapter correspond to the three research questions posed in this study. The information obtained from the Student Satisfaction Survey addressed the first and third research questions. The second research question dealing with the effectiveness of case studies was statistically evaluated through descriptive and inferential statistics. The descriptive statistics revealed that the test group demonstrated higher means on both the pretest and posttest than did the control group. However, the range of scores on both tests from both groups was quite comparable. The test group did achieve a much larger gain score. Through inferential statistics, the \underline{t} test supported a significant difference between the performance of the two groups.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

The purpose of this study was to determine the effectiveness of the case study method for comprehension and retention of information in medical laboratory technology. This study also explored the student preference of this method over common study aids and assessed their corresponding satisfaction. Student preference and satisfaction were evaluated through the information collected from the Student Satisfaction Survey. The survey was utilized following peer review and achieved very consistent results through three separate administrations.

The study was conducted over a 6 year time span beginning with data collection in Spring 1986. This study incorporated a two-group pretest-posttest design incorporating a control and a test group. Both groups participated in this study by taking the pretest and posttest. The test group was instructed with proper use of the case study booklet and encouraged toward independent study between pretest and posttest. The test group was also surveyed with the Student Satisfaction Survey to assess preference and satisfaction

levels.

The case study booklet for MLT 137: Immunohematology was developed for the purpose of this study. The booklet consisted of two parts: 1) the presentation of the objectives, the case, and the study questions and 2) the answers and discussion to the questions posed in part one. The study evaluated whether gain occured in the test group following the case study intervention, when compared to the control group which lacked that intervention. The two tailed t test was performed on the gain score means using the appropriate degrees of freedom to determine any significant difference in the scores at the .05 level. The t test supported an affirmative response to the second research question--Can case in increasing comprehension and effective studies be retention?

Conclusion

This study revealed that the case study method can be effective for increasing comprehension and retention of information in medical laboratory technology. More importantly, the study showed that MLT students prefer using case studies over conventional independent study aids such as reviewing the text and/or lecture material. That preference was supported with overwhelmingly positive responses and comments which were interpreted by this researcher as Satisfaction with this method.

Discussion

Tarcinale (1987) ascertained that today's learners are "members of a fast growing society where information increases at a remarkable rate" (p. 341). That "fast growing society" obviously includes the area of medical laboratory sciences as reinforced by Peschel(1989). Tarcinale further determined that "the case study is a teaching technique whereby large quantities of information can be introduced and collapsed to manageable size to enable the learner to develop an appreciation of the whole" (p.341). Fuzard (1989) supported the fact that adults learn best when they "perceive the information being taught as immediately useful" (p. 276). A study by Crosby and Dunn (1988) showed a significant difference between pretest and posttest results when the case study method was employed as the primary intervention with the sample population consisting of nursing students. From comparison of the pretest and posttest scores of the control and test groups, the case study method appears to be an study aid for medical laboratory technology effective As determined by Johnson and Purvis (1987) and students. validated with the Student Satisfaction Survey of this study, the case study method was considered a satisfactory learning tool by students. Students commented that this method allowed them to utilize information presented to them in class. Α study conducted by Huston and Marquis (1987) established that

the rewards for students through this mode of teaching are "multifaceted" and that "the final evaluations by students have been favorable" (p. 211). Similar findings were revealed in this study.

Based on the documented success of nursing educators with this method and the results of this study, MLT educators should begin implementation of case studies into their current curricula. Because the practical aspects of the presented case are essential, MLT educators could call upon clinical faculty to assist with case development.

Recommendations

Based upon the results of this study, the following recommendations are made:

 The study could be conducted during a single semester with the participation of several randomly selected Medical Laboratory Technology programs.

2. Medical Technology students could serve as the population for the study.

3. The case studies could be written for more than one course subject.

4. The study could include a second posttest to evaluate the effectiveness of this method on long term retention.

5. The evaluation of the tests could include a

categorization of question level to determine which domain of learning is most affected by the case study method.

6. A second case study booklet containing realistic patient names and cases could be incorporated in this study to evaluate the effect of humor as a learning enhancement tool.

7. The study could include a comparison between the control and test group considering the level of satisfaction achieved with the case study method versus traditional independent study aids.

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APPENDIX A

AGENCY CONSENT FORM

CONSENT FORM

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to <u>Jodi L. Hillier</u> to utilize information gathered during an educational experiment at El Centro College. I understand that examination scores and a student satisfaction survey collected from first year MLT students will serve as the required data. I understand that this study incorporates the use of case studies provided to the students as part of the MLT 137 syllabus and that classroom space was utilized. I understand that the data collected from this experiment may be made available for educational, informational and/or research purposes; and I hereby consent to such use. I also consent to the use of the name of this program and school in the written and oral presentation of this material.

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APPENDIX B

MLT 137 COURSE OUTLINE AND OBJECTIVES

- I. Blood Collection
 - A. Blood donors
 - 1. Identification
 - 2. Selection
 - 3. Medical history
 - 4. Physical exam
 - B. Special donor categories 3. Given specific medical
 - 1. Therapeutic 2. Autologous

 - 3. Designated
 - 4. Hemapheresis
 - C. Phlebotomy
 - 1. Materials
 - 2. Identification
 - 3. Venipuncture

 - 4. Collection 5. Donor care 6. Donor reactions

- II. Components
 - A. Anticoagulants/
 - preservation 1. C2D
 - 2. C2DA-1
 - 3. Additive systems
 - 4. Heparia
 - B. Preparation
 - C. Red blood cells
 - D. Plasma
 - E. Cryoprecipitate
 - F. Platelets
 - G. Granulocytes

- 1. List the information required from a potential blood denor.
- 2. Describe the process of donor selection.
- information, categorize a potential donor.
- 4. Outline the acceptable physical requirements for blood donation
- 5. Define each special donor category.
- 6. Perform a mock each anticoagulant.
- 7. Describe proper donor care.
- 8. Discuss adverse donor reactions.
- 1. Explain the difference between anticoagulants and preservatives.
- 2. Give the mechanisms of each anticoagulant.
- 3. Outline the preparation of components from whole blood.
- For each component, describe the following:
- 4. Preparation
- 5. Expiration
- 6. Storage requirements
- 7. Appropriate use

III. Genetics

VI.

E. Testing

A. Terminology B. Gene action	 With proper terminology explain basic blood bank genetics.
C. Dominant vs. recessive D. Gene interaction E. Blood group nomenclature F. Parentage testing G. Mathematics	 Given specific cases, calculate gene fraquency.
IV. Immunology	 Explain the basic immunol- ogy of blood banking.
V. ABO Blood Groups A. Antigens B. Antibodies C. Genetics D. Testing E. Discrepancies	 Correlate ABO antigens to the expected antibodies. Perform ABO groupings. Given a family pedigree, trace the ABO inheritance.
VI. Rh/Hr System A. Nomenclature 1. Fisher-Race 2. Wiener 3. Rosenfield B. Genetics	 Interpret the various Rh nomenclatures. Describe the inheritance theories for Rh. List the Rh antigens.
<pre>C. Antigens 1. Single 2. Compound D. Antibodies 1. Types 2. Clinical significance</pre>	 Describe the clinical sig- nificance of Rh Antibodies. Perform Rh typing.

<pre>VII. Major Blood Group Systems A. MNSs B. P C. Lutheran (Lu) D. Kell (Kk) E. Lewis (Le) F. Duffy (Fy) G. Kidd (Jk)</pre>	 For each of the major blood group systems: 1. List the antigens of the system with corresponding antibodies. 2. Outline the clinical significance of the antibodies 3. Describe any distinguishing characteristics useful in identification.
VIII. Other Blood Groups A. High frequency B. HTLA C. Sda	 Categorize the members of other blood group systems. Give distinguishing characteristics of each group
 D. Low frequency IX. Pretransfusion Testing A. Transfusion request B. Blood sample Label Type Age Storage C. Records D. Serological Testing Blood typing Antibody detection Crossmatching 	 State the purpose of pre- transfusion testing. List those tests required for pretransfusion evalu- ation. Describe the blood sample(s) required. Discuss the importance of maintaining accurate patient records. Outline the steps of the serological tests involved.
 E. Selection of Units X. Identification of Unexpected Allo Antibodies A. General procedures 1. Screening 	 Describe the basis of each serological test. Discuss the advantages or disadvantages of enhancement medias. Define allo antibodies. Outline the steps of the serological tests involved.
2. Identification	a strong the applant informer

B. Interpretations 1. Single allo antibodies

 Discuss the patient informa-tion necessary for investigation.

APPENDIX C

CASE STUDIES FOR IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY

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INTRODUCTION

The following cases have been designed as a study aid for students of Immunohematology. These cases should be used in addition to classroom instruction. The instructor should encourage the students to answer the questions from present knowledge and available sources before consulting the provided answers.

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OBJECTIVES

- 1. Interpret normal ABO groupings.
- 2. Describe the basis of the ABO typing procedure.
- 3. Discuss the validity of given results.
- Select the most appropriate type(s) for possible transfusion.

CASE

A 29-year old female, O.Bea City, is admitted to your hospital for liposuction. The physician has ordered a type and crossmatch for two units of blood for AM surgery. Her ABO results follow:

anti-A	anti-B	Reverse A	Reverse B
4+	4+	0	0
(Her Rh	type is positive.)		

Due to a recent blood shortage, you have a limited number of blood products in stock. Your inventory includes:

whole blood		RBC	S
10	0+	15	0+
4	A+	10	A+
2	B+	2	B+
_		1	AB+

QUESTIONS

1. What is the blood type for Ms. City?

- 2. What are you specifically determining with the forward type? Reverse type?
- 3. How do the forward and reverse types correlate?
- 4. What determines the validity of an ABO grouping?
- 5. From the available stock, which products would you select for Ms. City? Why?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Interpret normal ABO groupings.
- 2. Identify the discrepancy.
- 3. List the possible explanations for the discrepancy.
- 4. Recommend possible resolutions.
- CASE

A 62-year old Kansas woman, Anne T. Emm, was last treated at your hospital for injuries incurred during a tornado several years ago. Her ABO results at that time were

anti-A	anti-B	Reverse A	Reverse B
4+	0	0	4+

Now she has been admitted for colon cancer. Her doctor has ordered two units of RBCs for transfusion. Upon this admission, her ABO results are as follows:

anti-A	anti-B	Reverse A	Reverse B
4+	2+	0	4+

QUESTIONS

1. What is her initial ABO grouping?

- 2. What does her second ABO gouping indicate?
- 3. List five possible explanations.
- 4. Identify the most probable cause.
- 5. What testing must be done to confirm your explanation?

OBJECTIVES

- Given the present Rh antigens, determine the most probable genotype (Fisher/Race).
- 2. Transcribe the genotypes to Wiener nomenclature.
- 3. Determine the most probable parentage.
- 4. List other probable genotypes from the most probable parents.

CASE

Snow White admits to having seven men currently in her life, which presents some problem in determining the father of her baby. She has narrowed the possibilities down to three. The Rh phenotyping on all involved parties follows:

	anti-D	anti-C	anti-c	anti-E	anti-e
Snow White	+	+	+	+	+
Grumpy	+	+	0	0	+
Нарру	0	0	÷	0	+
Sneezy	+	0	+	+	+
Baby Snow	+	0	+	+	0

QUESTIONS

 Give the most probable genotype for each party. (Wiener) (Fisher/Race)

Snow White

Grumpy

Нарру

Sneezy

Baby Snow

- 2. Who is most likely Baby Snow's father?
- 3. What other genotypes could offspring from the most likely couple?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Interpret the given test results.
- 2. Identify any abnormals.
- 3. Outline further necessary testing.
- 4. Identify the antibody.
- 5. Discuss the clinical significance.
- 6. List the means of RBC sensitization.

CASE

Patient Juliet Romeo has just delivered her tenth child. Her antibody screen is positive. The results of the antibody identification are on antigram I. Except for a freak poisoning in her teenage years, Mrs. Romeo has not been ill and has never received blood.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the positive antibody screen indicate?

- 2. Interpret the antigram.
- 3. Is this antibody clinicaly significant? Explain.
- 4. How was Mrs. Romeo most likely sensitized to this antibody's corresponding antigen?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Interpret given test results.
- Outline necessary confirmatory testing.
- 3. Explain the occurence of reactions at various phases.
- 4. Identify the most probable antibody(ies).
- 5. Discuss the clinical significance.
- 6. Discuss the validity of an ordered test.

CASE

Patient Bette R. Pass is a 37-year old female. She has three children and has received blood as the result of a car accident ten years ago. She has been admitted for elective surgery and requires a group, screen and hold.

QUESTIONS 1. Interpret antigram II.

- 2. What testing is necessary to confirm your findings.
- 3. What could cause the variation in reactions?
- 4. Are your findings clinically significant? Explain.
- 5. How would you respond to the ordered "group, screen and hold"?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Interpret antibody panels.
- 2. Outline the necessary confirmatory tests.
- 3. Describe the appropriate product for transfusion.
- 4. Calculate the frequency of the required product.
- 5. Select the most appropriate product.

CASE

Patient Emma Mune (her friends call her "Em") is a 45-year old white female. In 1988, she had her wisdom teeth removed by an inexperienced dental student. As a result, she received two units of blood. She is scheduled for jaw reconstruction and her oral surgeon has ordered two units of blood. Her pre-transfusion work-up yielded a positive antibody screen. Antigram III shows the result of her antibody identification.

QUESTIONS 1. Which antibody(ies) is(are) present?

- 2. What tests would need to be done for confirmation?
- 3. For Em Mune to receive blood, what specifically must be done to the RBCs?
- 4. What is the percentage for finding acceptable units?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Based on the given information, describe the proper action to be taken.
- 2. Outline the necessary laboratory investigation.
- 3. Interpret the given test results.
- 4. Identify the source of the reaction.
- 5. Describe the precautions that must precede subsequent transfusions.

CASE

Patient Ima N. Trouble was transfused with three units of blood seven days ago. Her hemoglobin and hematocrit have begun to drop with no evidence of active bleeding. Her serum bilirubin is increased and she has slight hemoglobinuria. A DAT performed on a seven day posttransfusion sample is positive (2+). The doctor again orders three units of blood.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What is your response to the doctors orders?
- 2. What is a possible explanation for Mrs. Trouble's trouble?

3. What does the DAT indicate?

- 4. What further testing is required?
- 5. Interpret antigram IV.
- 6. What must be insured before transfusion may occur?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Name the source of quidelines for donor selection.
- 2. Outline the physical requirements for whole blood donation.
- 3. Evalute the prospective donor.
- 4. Justify your evaluation.
- 5. Categorize the donor.

CASE

You are in the process of interviewing Mr. Oscar Meyer as a prospective blood donor. He seems to meet all of the physical requirements. While gathering information on his medical history, he informs you that he had malaria during the Korean Conflict. He also informs you that he received a hepatitis immunization following a "small QC problem" at his bologna plant.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What agency sets the requirements for blood donation?
- According to this agency, what are the physical requirements for blood donation?
- 3. What is your evaluation of this prospective donor?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Describe the most effective prenatal testing.
- 2. Describe the most effective postnatal tesing.
- 3. Evaluate the given test results.
- 4. Outline further necessary testing.
- 5. Determine the clinical significance.
- Select the most appropriate component for exchange transfusion.
- 7. Discuss the mother's candidacy for Rh immune globulin.

CASE

Mama Bear has a positive antibody screen. The results of her antibody identification are on antigram V. Baby Bear appears jaundiced and has a positive DAT. Mama Bear is O,Rh negative; Baby Bear is A,Rh positive.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What antibody(ies) is/are indicated by the panel?
- 2. What can be anticipated about Baby's phenotype?
- 3. If transfusion becomes necessary, what requirements must be met?
- 4. State the prerequisites for Rh immune globulin administration.
- 5. Evaluate Mama's candidacy for Rh immune globulin?

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Discuss the proper use of blood components.
- 2. Describe the preparation of given components.
- 3. List the storage conditions for blood components.
- 4. Correlate given components to the corresponding outdate.

CASE

A 14-year old male hemophiliac, Theodore Cleaver, is admitted for an emergency appendectomy. In addition to the Beav's presribed commercial AHF, the physician will order another blood component to help prevent bleeding complications.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What will the most appropriate blood component be in this case? Why?
- 2. How is this product prepared?
- 3. What is the proper storage for this and similar products?
- 4. How long can this component be stored?

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ANSWERS

Case 1

1. What is the blood type for Ms. City?

AB

2. What are you specifically determining with the forward type? Reverse type?

The forward type determines the presence or absence of A and B antigens on the RBC. The reverse type determines the presence or absence of the corresponding ABO antibodies.

3. How do the forward and reverse types correlate?

Under normal circumstances, the correlation between the forward and reverse types serves as a form of quality control. Once the forward type is determined, the results of the reverse can be anticipated and vice versa.

4. What determines the validity of the ABO grouping?

The matching results of the forward and the reverse types.

5. From the available stock, which products would you select for Ms. City? Why?

Obviously, the one AB+ unit would be selected. From the remaining stock, none of the whole blood products would be appropriate for transfusion. Each would contain antibodies that would react with the A and B antigens on the patient's RBCs (O contains anti-A, anti-B, anti-A,B; A contains anti-B; B contains anti-A). From the available RBCs, the choice would be the A+ RBCs. The packed RBCs will have a limited amount of plasma containing antibodies and the anti-B produced by a type A individual is not as reactive as the anti-A produced by a type B individual.

Case 2

What is her initial ABO grouping?

Α

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2. What does her second ABO grouping indicate?

Her second grouping forwards as an AB and reverses as an A indicating an ABO discrepancy.

3. List five possible explanations.

Because the reverse typing is not altered, the problem most likely stems from an RBC problem. These results could indicate abnormal proteins, a mixture of cell types, spontaneous agglutination, polyagglutination, weak expression of an antigen or acquired "B" antigen. Several technical considerations could also be involved - over centrifugation, sample mix up, reagent contamination, improper technique or dirty glassware.

4. Identify the most probable cause.

Based on the strength of the reaction with anti-B and the patient diagnosis, the most probable cause is an acquired "B" antigen.

5. What testing must be done to confirm your explanation?

The patient's serum can be tested against patient cells. The anti-B in the patient's serum will not agglutinate cells with acquired "B" antigen. If the patient is a secretor, saliva studies will demonstrate A and H substances but no B.

Case 3

1.	Give the most	probable genotype	for	each party.
		(Wiener)		(Fisher/Race)
	Snow White	R1R2		CDe/cDE
	Grumpy	R1R1		CDe/CDe
	Happy	rr		cde/cde
	Sneezy	R2r		cDE/cde
	Baby Snow	R2R2		cDE/cDE

2. Who is most likely Baby Snow's father?

Sneezy

3. What other genotypes could offspring from the most likely couple?

R1R2, R1r and R2r

Case 4

1. What does the positive antibody screen indicate?

The positive antibody indicates the presence of an unexpected antibody.

2. Interpret the antigram.

Anti-Kell is present.

3. Is this antibody clinically significant? Explain.

Yes; any antibody that reacts at body temperature and can potentially cause a transfusion reaction or hemolytic disease of the newborn is considered clinically significant. Anti-K has been implicated in both.

4. How was Mrs. Romeo most likely sensitized to this antibody's corresponding antigen?

The two means by which RBC immunization can occur are through blood transfusions or fetal-maternal blood exchange associated with pregnancy. Because Mrs. Romeo has not received blood, her sensitization is pregnancy related.

Case 5

1. Interpret the antigram.

Anti-M is present.

2. What testing is necessary to confirm your findings?

The patient cells must be typed for the M antigen. Two additional cells (Fya+M-) should be tested to rule out the presence of anti-Fya.

3. What could cause the variation in reactions?

The presence of multiple antibodies can cause variable reactions. In this case the anti-M is demonstrating dosage. Dosage is the ability of an antibody to react stronger with cells demonstrating a double dose of an antigen (homozygous) than with those demonstrating a single dose (heterozygous).

4. Are your findings clinically significant? Explain.

Anti-M is rarely clinically significant, but those antibodies detected at 37C or AHG phase may be potentially significant. (Be aware of the protocol in the individual blood bank labs on dealing with anti-M).

5. How would you respond to the ordered "group, screen and hold"?

The physician must be notified that a potential problem exists. The patient no longer qualifies for "group and screen". In all likelihood, blood will be crossmatched on this patient.

Case 6

1. Which antibody(ies) is(are) present?

Anti-C and anti-Fyb are present.

2. What tests would need to be done for confirmation?

The patient cells should be typed for the corresponding antigens. Additional cells may be tested to definitely rule out anti-K, anti-Lea and anti-Jkb (the ficin reactions help you eliminate these antibodies).

3. What testing is necessary for Em Mune to receive RBCs?

The cells to be transfused must be antigen negative for C and Fyb.

4. What is the percentage for finding acceptable units?

The percentage of C negative is 30%; the percentage of Fyb negative is 20%. These percentages must be multiplied to determine the availability of compatible units.

 $0.30 \times 0.20 = 0.06$

Approximately six of 100 units will be compatible.

Case 7

1. What is your response to the doctor's orders?

The doctor must be informed of the positive DAT. A transfusion reaction workup must be performed before blood can be given.

2. What is a possible explanation for Mrs. Trouble's trouble?

Mrs. Trouble is most likely experiencing a delayed hemolytic transfusion reaction.

3. What does the positive DAT indicate?

The positive DAT indicates in vivo sensitization of the RBCs. Antibodies are coating the circulating RBCs.

4. What further testing is required?

An antibody elution must follow a positive DAT if blood has been transfused within the last 14 days.

5. Interpret the antigram.

Anti-Jka is present in the eluate.

6. What must be insured before transfusion may occur?

Any RBC products transfused to Mrs. Trouble must be Jka negative.

Case 8

1. What agency sets the requirements for blood donations?

The most prominent source for blood donation requirements is the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB).

According to this agency, what are the physical requirements for blood donation?

The physical requirements include weight - 110 pounds or more; temperature - 37.5C or less; pulse - between 50 to 100 beats per minute; blood pressure - systolic between 90-180 mm Hg with diastolic between 50-100 mm Hg; skin lesions - none present; general appearance - healthy; and hematocrit - no less than 38% for female and no less than 41% for male.

3. What is your evaluation of this prospective donor?

Most likely Mr. Meyer has been exposed to Hepatitis A. If the "hepatitis immunization" was human gamma globulin, he must be deferred for six months. If Mr. Meyer has received the HBIG, he must be deferred for 12 months. The HBIG may prolong the incubation period of hepatitis B.

Case 9

- What antibody(ies) is(are) indicated by the panel? Mama Bear has anti-S.
- What can be anticipated about Baby's phenotype? Baby Bear's cells are S positive.
- 3. If transfusion becomes necessary, what requirements must be met?

The RBCs selected for transfusion to Baby Bear must be negative for the S antigen.

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4. State the prerequisites for Rh immune globulin administration.

The three prerequisites for Rh immune globulin administration include 1) mother must be Rh negative, 2) she must not have anti-D, and 3) the baby must be Rh positive.

5. Evaluate Mama's candidacy for Rh immune globulin.

Mama Bear should recieve Rh immune globulin. (Although she has a circulating antibody, the Rh immune globulin will still prevent the production of anti-D)

Case 10

1. What will the most appropriate blood component be in this case? Why?

Cryoprecipitate will be the most appropriate blood component because it is a concentrated form of factor VIII.

2. How is this product prepared?

Cryoprecipitate is prepared from the plasma portion of whole blood. The plasma should be separated and placed at -18C or colder within six hours of the phlebotomy. The plasma is then thawed at 1-6C. When the plasma becomes slushy, it is centrifuged at 1-6C using a heavy spin. The plasma is then expressed into a satellite bag leaving the solid cryoprecipitate.

3. What is the proper storage of this and similar products?

This and similar products should be stored at -18C or colder.

4. How long can this component be stored?

This product expires one year from the draw date.

APPENDIX D

EVALUATION FORM FOR CASE STUDIES

Thank you for taking the time to review these case studies. As mentioned to you, the intention of this packet is to provide to the student an effective independent study tool. As you read over these cases, please consider the following:

> Clarity Is the wording clear? Is the purpose understandable? Is the task evident? Practicality Is this feasible knowlege for an MLT student? Can this information be effectively covered in class? Realism Does this case represent a true life situation? Would an MLT be involved in such a case? Validity Are the objectives warranted by the case as presented? Correctness Do the answers correspond to the questions asked? Are the answers correct? Application Does this case apply to "real life" situations? Do the cases apply to the expectations of MLTs in the blood bank?

Please make any additional comments that you deem necessary.

APPENDIX E

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PRETEST EXAMINATION

MLT 137 Immunohematology Pretest

Questions 1 - 41 are valued at 2 points each. Answer 1 - 31 on the Green Scantron answer form.

1. IgG antibodies characteristically 1. are destroyed by enzymes. 2. react at 37c in vivo. 3. react at 4c in vivo. 4. react at AHG phase in vitro. a. 1 and 3 b. 2 and 4 c. 1, 2, and 3 d. 4 only IgM antibodies characteristically 2. 1. may bind complement. 2. cross the placental barrier. 3. react at 4c. 4. cause warm autoimmune disease. a. 1 and 3 b. 2 and 4 c. 1, 2, and 3 d. all of the above e. 4 only Anti-M characteristically 3. 1. is mostly IgG. 2. is detected at room temperature. 3. is non-red cell immune. 4. demonstrates dosage. a. 1 and 3 b. 2 and 4 c. 1, 2, and 3 d. all of the above e. 4 only

4. Which of the following blood groups are closely related?

1. ABO 2. Lewis 3. H 4. Se

a. 1 and 3
b. 2 and 4
c. 1, 2, and 3
d. all of the above

- 5. A patient has an anti-f. Choose the most appropriate unit for red cell transfusion.
 - a. R2r b. R1R2 c. R0R0
 - d. rr
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- 6. Which of the following women should receive Rh immune globulin?
 - a. AB negative, Ab screen negative, Baby B negative
 - b. O negative, Ab screen positive (anti-D), Baby -A positive
 - c. B Du positive, Ab screen negative, Baby B negative
 - d. A negative, Ab screen negative, Baby A positive
- A patient has an anti-E and anti-Fya. Choose the appropriate unit for transfusion.

a. R1R2 Fy(a-b+)
b. R1r Fy(a+b+)
c. R0R0 Fy(a-b-)
d. rr" Fy(a-b+)
e. R2R2 Fy(a+b-)

MATCHING Follow the instructions given for each set.

8.-13. Given the blood group name, match the corresponding antigen.

8.	Lewis		a.	U
9.	Kell		b.	Lèb
10.	 Duffy		c.	С
11.	 Kidd	•	d.	Fyb
12.	 MNSs		е.	Jka
13.	 Rh		ab.	Кра
			ac.	Lua

- 14.-19. Designate the following antibodies as MOSTLY (a) IgG or (b) IqM
- _____ anti-K 14.
- _____ anti-M 15.
- 16.
- anti-N anti-Fya 17.
- _____ anti-A,B 18.
- 19. anti-P
- For each of the given blood groups, designate the 20.-25. corresponding antigens and/or antibodies as (a) enzyme destroyed, (b) enzyme enhanced or (c) not affected by enzymes.
- 20. ____ Rh
- Kell 21.
- 22. ____ Duffy
- 23. ____ Kidd
- Lewis 24.
- 25. ____ MNSs

- 26.-31. Determine if the following antibodies can cause (a) HDN, (b) HTR, (c) both, or (d) neither.
- 26. ____ anti-Lea
- 27. _____ anti-D
- 28. _____ anti-P
- 29. _____ anti-Jka 30. _____ anti-N
- 30. _____ anti-N 31. _____ anti-Lea

DEFINE each of the following terms.

- 32. dosage
- 33. homozygous
- 34. heterozygous
- 35. red cell immune
- 36. responder
- 37. anamnestic response
- 38. immunogenic
- 39. allelic pair
- 40. HTLA
- 41. high incidence antigen

Interpret the following. (8 points each)

	anti-A	anti-B	anti-Al	RA1	RA2	RB	D	Dx	Du	Dux
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47. State two observations about the antibody displayed in these screen results. (5 points)

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48. A positive antibody screen is followed by a _____.

49. List the steps for interpreting a panel antigram. (2 points) 50. Interpret and explain the given DAT results. (5 points)

AHG	3+
anti-IgG	2+
anti-C3	1+

51. The DAT test for ______.

52. List three conditions that can cause a positive DAT. For each condition give the source of the antibody and antigen. (6 points)

53. A positive DAT is followed by _____.

54. Interpret antigram #1. (5 points)

55. Interpret antigram #2. (5 points)

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No. J. Cell. The Colton plienutype Co(a. b+) has a frequency of approximately. I in 700 to the Caucasian population. Anti Co⁴ has been reported to cause hemolytic disease of the newborn, and several of the known examples were stimulated by blood itansfusion. Anti Co⁶ would be reactive with 8-10°C of random Caucasian bloods. Both antibodies are usually reactive by the indirect antiglobulin fection, and their reactivity is enhanced if the red cells are enzyme freated.

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MLT 137 FINAL EXAMINATION

MLT 137 Immunohematology

Final Exam

Answer questions 1 - 40 on a GREEN Scantron. All questions are valued at 2 points each unless otherwise designated. Good luck.

- Which of the following antibodies are "naturally occuring"?
 - A
 anti-D
 B
 anti-A,B
 - a. 1 and 3
 b. 2 and 4
 c. 1, 3 and 4
 d. 4 only
 e. all of the above
- 2. What are the percentage distributions of the ABO groups?

a. O - 45%, A - 40%, B - 11%, AB - 4%
b. O - 40%, A - 45%, B - 4%, AB - 11%
c. O - 45%, A - 11%, B - 40%, AB - 4%
d. O - 40%, A - 45%, B - 11%, AB - 4%

- 3. Which terminal sugar is the determinant for the A antigen?
 - a. N-acetyl-D-galactosamine
 - b. D-galactose
 - c. N-acetyl-D-glucosamine
 - d. L-fucose
- 4. The crossmatch procedure tests
 - a. donor cells against patient serum.
 - b. donor cells against donor serum.
 - c. patient cells against donor serum.
 - d. patient cells against patient serum.

- 5. Patient I.M.Rich is badly injured in a golfing accident. He must receive blood immediately upon arrival to your hospital. The trauma team is unable to provide a crossmatch sample at the time the blood is requested. Which of the following products would you release to Mr. Rich?
 - a. O positive whole blood
 - b. AB positive whole blood
 - c. O negative packed cells
 - d. AB negative packed cells
 - e. O positive packed cells
- 6. Which of the following could be considered a delayed transfusion reaction?
 - 1. CMV infection
 - 2. graft vs. host disease
 - 3. viral hepatitis
 - 4. hemolytic transfusion reaction
 - a. 1 and 3
 - b. 2 and 4
 - c. 1, 2 and 3
 - d. all of the above
 - e. 4 only
- 7. Interpret the following DAT:

AHG (poly)	3+
anti-IgG	0
anti-C3	3+

The positive DAT is a result of _____ coating the RBCs.

- a. IgG
- b. complement
- c. IgM
- d. autoantibody

- Select the genotype(s) representing a heterozygous condition.
 - 1. Fy (a+b-) M+N+ 2. 3. Rlr (for e antigen) R1r (for c antigen) 4. 1 and 2 a. 1 and 3b. 2 and 4 c. 3 and 4 d. 4 only e.
- 9. What percentage of the general population is Rh negative?
 - a. 15 b. 85 c. 10 d. 4 e. 11
- - a. 2 b. 4 c. 6 d. 12 e. 24
- 11.-12. A unit of FFP (in the frozen state) must be stored at (11)_____ and has an expiration of (12) _____.
 - 11. a. -18C b. 4C c. -4C d. 18C

12. a. 8 weeks

- b. 72 hours
- c. 42 days
- d. 1 years
- e. 5 years

- 13.-14. A prospective blood donor is a professional jockey weighing in at 95 lbs. Because he is a little (no pun intended) nervous, his pulse is 98 beats per minute and his blood pressure is 175/100 mm Hg. The remainder of his physical and medical history is fine.
- 13. From this information, you would _____ him as a blood donor.
 - a. accept
 - b. defer
 - c. reject

14. You would take this action based on .

- a. weight
- b. pulse
- c. blood pressure
- d. occupation
- e. height
- 15.-17. Mama Bear has a positive antibody screen. You identify an anti-C. Baby Bear appears jaundiced and has a positive DAT (2+). Mama Bear is O+ (R2R2) and Papa Bear is O+ (R1r).
- 15. What are the possible genotypes for Baby Bear?
 - 1. CDe/CDe
 - 2. CDe/cDE
 - 3. CDe/cde
 - 4. cDE/cde
 - 5. cDE/cDE
 - a. 1, 3 and 5 b. 1 and 3
 - c. 2 and 4
 - d. 2, 4 and 5
 - e. all of the above
- 16. What is Baby Bear's most likely genotype?
 - a. R2r b. R1r c. R1R1 d. R1R2 e. rr

- 17. For transfusion, what type of blood should Baby Bear receive?
 - a. O+ R2r b. O+ R1r c. O+ R1R1 d. O- rr e. O- R2R2
- 18. The most important check in the investigation of a possible transfusion reaction is ______.
 - a. clerical
 - b. serological
 - c. academic
 - d. medical

19. Which mom is a candidate for Rh immune globulin?

a. O neg, Ab screen - pos (anti-D), baby - O neg
b. O pos, Ab screen - neg, baby - O pos
c. O neg, Ab screen - neg, baby - O neg
d. O neg, Ab screen - neg, baby - O pos

20. Du testing includes

- 1. testing the patient cells with anti-D
- 2. incubating at 37c for 15 minutes
- 3. performing the AHG phase
- 4. running the Rh control
- a. 1 and 3
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 2 and 3
- d. 1, 2 and 3
- e. all of the above

21. Given the following results,

your first course of action would be to

- a. repeat all testing.
- b. perform a DAT on the patient.
- c. perform a DAT on the positive unit.
- d. perform DATs on both units.
- e. go home.

22.-25. Match the antigen to the most correct statement.

22.	 compound antigen	ć	1.).	k Fva
23.	 termed plasma soluble	C	2.	K
24.	 destroyed by enzymes	e	2.	f

25. high frequency antigen

26.-29. Match the antibody to the most correct statement.

26.	 notorious for delayed hemolytic transfusion reactions	a.	anti-i
27	may demonstrate dosage	b.	anti-Cha
21.	 may demonstrate dosage	с.	anti-Jka
28.	 enhanced by enzymes	d.	anti-M
29.	 associated with infectious mononucleosis	e.	anti-D

- 30. 35. Match the appropriate immunoglobulin to the characteristics. 30. smallest immunoglobulin a. IqG 31. _____ optimal reactivity room b. IqM temperature or colder c. IgG and 32. unable to cross the placenta ΙqΜ 33. may bind complement 34. optimal reactivity AHG phase 35. can cause HDN 36.-40. Match the definition to the correct term. 36. direct antiglobulin test a. condition of being made sensitive to a specific substance after the initial 37. anamnestic response exposure b. serological test used to detect sensitization of RBCs 38. _____ indirect antiglobulin in vivo test c. the effect of an 39. sensitization antibody reacting stronger with cells homozygous for the corresponding anti-40. dosage gen than with heterozygous cells d. serological tests used to detect the sensitization of RBCs in vitro
 - e. secondary response to an immunogenic substance after serum antibodies can no longer be detected

41.	-	45.	For	the	given	results,	interpret	the	ABO	and	Rh.
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CASE STUDY questions are valued at 5 points each.





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Interpret the antibody screen.

State the information displayed by the reactions. 5.

List the possible antibodies present. з.

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Case

Mama Bear has a positive antibody screen. The results of her antibody identification are on antigram "Mama Bear". Baby Bear appears jaundiced and has a positive DAT. Mama Bear is O Rh negative; Baby Bear is A Rh positive.

Questions

1. What antibody(ies) is(are) indicated by the panel?

2. What can be anticipated about one of Baby Bear's haplotypes?

3. If transfusion becomes necessary, what requirements must be met?

4. Evaluate Mama's candidacy for Rh immune globulin.

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APPENDIX G

STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Student Satisfaction Survey

The following statements pertain to YOUR individual study practices and the usage of case studies provided to you in this class. Please respond to each statement with 1 indicating that you strongly agree and 5 indicating that you strongly disagree.

1.	I study an average of hours	ag	ree	(disa	agree
	per night for immunohematology. (circle number)	1	2	3	4	5
2.	I study best by reading the text.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	I find reviewing the lecture material sufficient for examination preparation.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	I use independent study aids.	1	2	3	4	5
5.	I have used case studies in other courses.	1	2	3	4	5
6.	I can apply lecture materials without case studies.	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Case studies help give the lecture material a practical perspective.	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Through case studies, I can apply the required material.	1	2	3	4	5
9.	Case studies are a waste of my time.	1	2	3	4	5
10.	I feel that I have increased recall by using the case studies to apply knowlege.	1	2	3	4	5
11.	I spent an average of hours studying with the case studies. (circle one)	1	2	3	4	5
1 2.	I feel that I comprehend more when I can apply the knowlege.	1	2	3	4	5
13.	I feel that I better retain applied knowlege.	1	2	3	4	5
Any	comments pertaining to case studies?					