BLOOD QUALITY MANAGEMENT (B-QM) PROGRAMME

A programme supporting the implementation & development of QMS in European blood establishments
BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

With a view to supporting European Blood Establishments in developing, implementing and improving their Quality Management System (QMS), the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare (EDQM), a Directorate of the Council of Europe (CoE), has implemented a Quality Management programme dedicated to European blood establishments. The Blood Quality Management (B-QM) Programme is an assistance and educational programme.


SCHEMES ORGANISED

- **Blood Training Visits (B-TVs):** An on-site visit is performed. Training sessions then take place on technical and QMS issues, based on the observed non-compliances.

- **Blood Mutual Joint Visits (B-MJVs):** These are intended to advise blood establishments and help them implement and/or improve their QMS.

- **Blood Mutual Joint Audits (B-MJAs):** These check that the implemented QMS complies with the requirements of the standards and regulations to be followed by the blood establishment.


- The B-TVs, B-MJVs and B-MJAs are performed by peers, experts in European blood establishments, who provide and share their experience and knowledge.

- In addition to these on-site schemes, the EDQM is currently developing a Guide on Quality Management Systems for Blood Establishments and organises training courses and conferences in the field of Quality Management in Blood Transfusion.

Participation in B-QM schemes provides European blood establishments with an objective means to implement, improve and/or monitor their Quality Management System.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the B-QM schemes is open to all European blood establishments and is free of charge. Applications have to be submitted to the EDQM before 30 September of each year to be considered for the programme of the following year. To apply, please request the application form at EDQM_B_QM@edqm.eu.

If you are interested in participating in the B-QM programme or if you want to learn more about it, please visit our website [https://go.edqm.eu/BQM](https://go.edqm.eu/BQM) or contact us at: EDQM_B_QM@edqm.eu