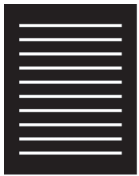

Preface



IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND privilege to have been asked by the AABB to be a part of a publication explaining “how to” build a preoperative anemia clinic.

This is the first of its kind to comprehensively detail clinic development from start to finish. Over the past 20 years there have been significant changes in patient blood management, but throughout this time period programs continued to struggle in the development and execution of a preoperative anemia clinic. The secret sauce has yet to be fully transparent and readily available.

Various operational models have been presented; however, the examples are based upon a PBM referral-based anemia clinic. It

is not the authors’ intent to promote this model as “the best” but was used for consistency purposes.

The intent of this publication was to combine over 50 years of author PBM experience into a vital resource. The authors have shared both pearls of wisdom and pitfalls as well as samples and templates to give users basics in structure, strategy, and implementation. This publication is the product of passion and belief in the merits and value of anemia management. May each reader find the content transferable and useful in the formation of a successful preoperative anemia clinic.

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