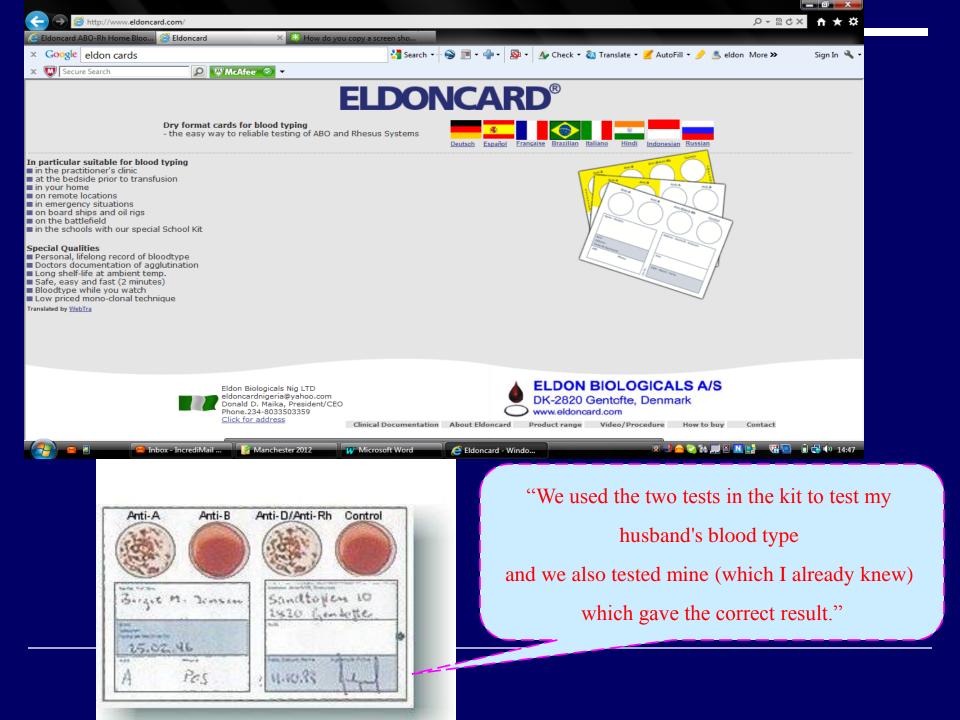


# Remote Authorisation of results

**Fact or Fiction** 

**Stephan Bates** 





#### Remote Authorisation in Transfusion

- □ Blood groups
- Antibody Screens
- Antibody Identifications
- Cross-matches
- Getting second opinions and advice on results

About data management, not having to be present in person to make a decision, providing all the data and information is available



# Remote Authorisation and decision making

Used throughout other areas of industry

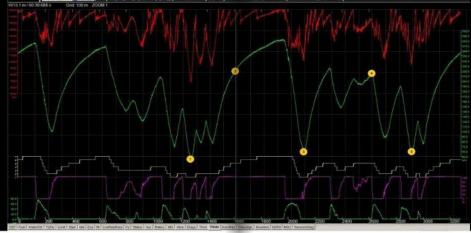
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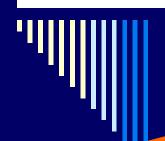


## Space travel and Military Intelligence









### Medicine

Dermatology diagnosis

Aintree cuts stroke diagnosis times with remote ICT access

Prison Health - cutting the need for escorted hospital visits

MDT's

NHS Surrey Remote diagnosis using video conferencing
is literally a lifesaver

CellaVision DM96
-Automated Digital Cell
-Morphology



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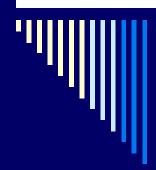


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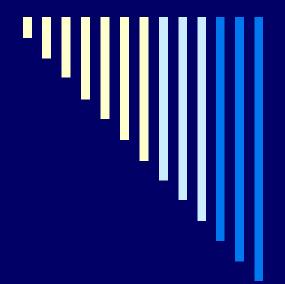
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# Haematology and Clinical Chemistry

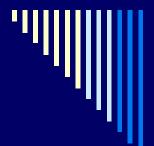
Analysis in one area, validation and authorisation in another area/site

Can be within the locality of the hospital or many miles apart across a network



# What about Blood Transfusion

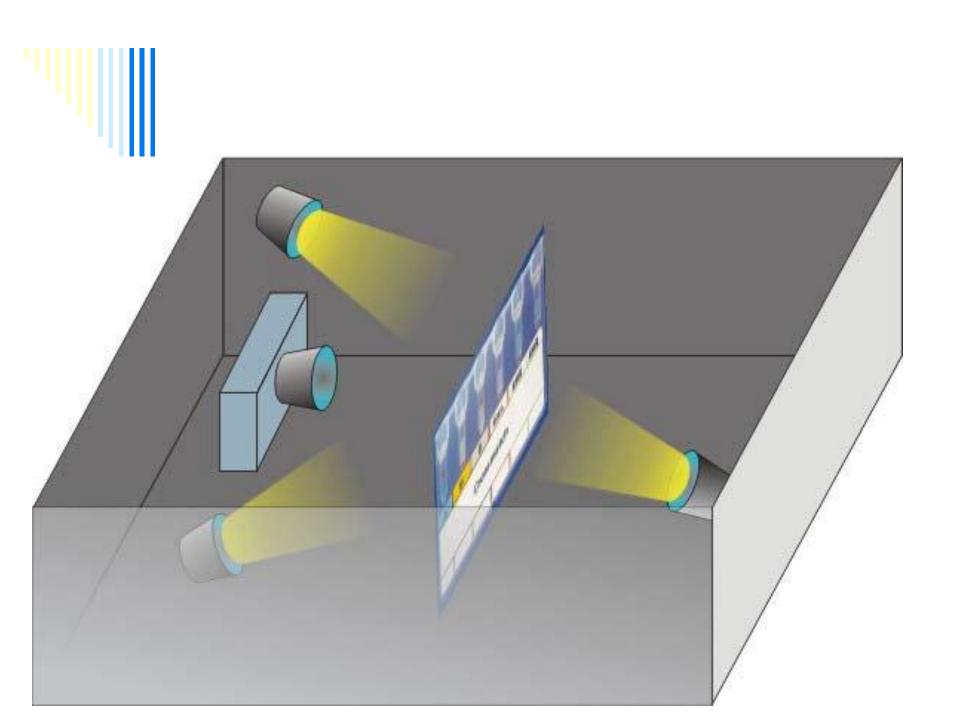
Can it be done?
Should it be done?



# Telemedicine in the Blood Transfusion



"We have developed a telemedicine system for blood transfusion work, to supply the local hospital laboratory with an expert opinion from the central reference laboratory"



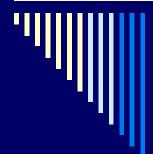


### Conclusions

With appropriate organisation and by the virtue of tele-medicine, it is possible to perform remote professional consultations. We expect that telemedicine will find it place in transfusion medicine and blood transfusion services

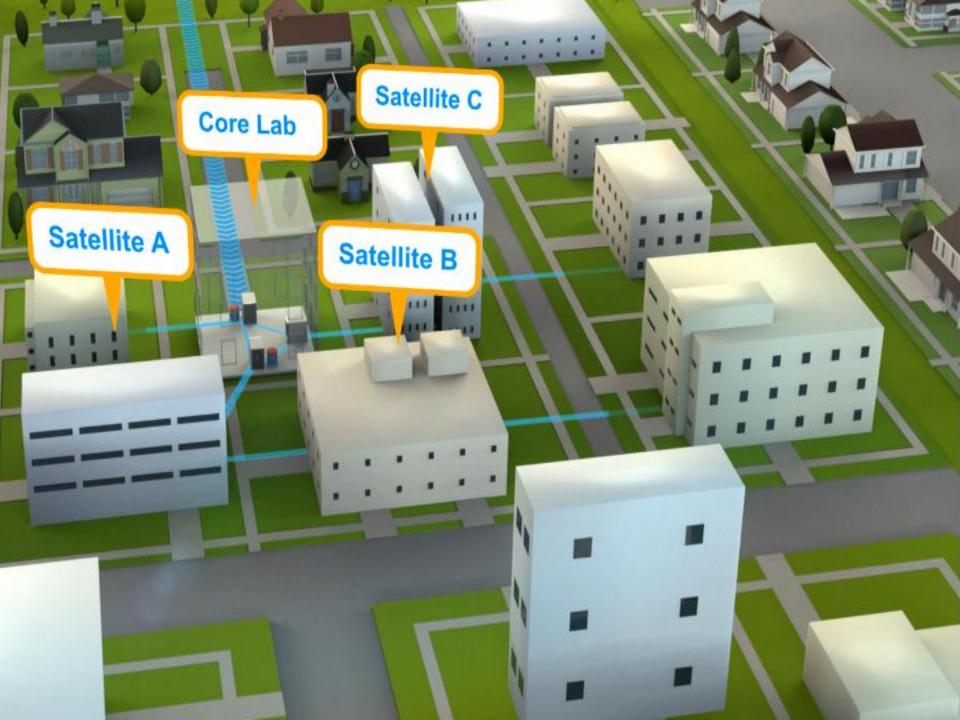
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### How would it work

- Before any decisions can be made full access required to:
  - reaction images -- need to be of high quality
  - reagent information
  - Quality Control
  - patient information
- Access to previous results and reactions
- Robust links for remote access





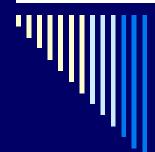
## Advantages

- More efficient use of limited qualified and experience of staff
- Improved supervision and advice
- □ Aid the use of cross discipline staff in transfusion
- Allows experience/knowledge to be shared over a wider network
- Allows skill mix review ? less qualified staff to load and operate machines
- Ensure cost effective use of limited budgets
- Allows the pooling of expertise and experience useful in times of shortage e.g. sickness, OOH, holidays etc



## Advantages

- Could allow external advice and support to be gained from anywhere with access to the web-based interface
- Would aid labs within the network to work to the same SOPS, rules based systems and standards
- Could allow support for more complex testing in remote locations
- Possible to allow centralised results review by experienced and qualified staff
- Would allow access to view historical reactions and results before final decisions are made



### Disadvantages

- Further diminution of skilled staff
- Require investment to set up
- Significant training commitment
- Resilience interfaces, technology, reliance on smaller staff group,
- Need to ensure appropriate control mechanisms are in place-
- All staff to understand and follow roles and responsibilities
- Views of regulatory authorities would be important



## **Transfusion History**

- Manual grouping and antibody screening,
- automation now the standard
- Serological Cross-Matching done on all transfusions
- -then immediate spin
- e-issue was feared originally
- now common place
- □ Remote issue --initial concerns
- now gaining popularity with BloodTrack and Bloodhound
- All done with guidelines and to set standards
- Remote authorisation will take place more commonly

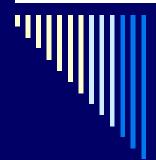


## **Remote Authorisation**

# Fact

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**Fiction** 



# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

