Hemospray® extends its reach

Hemospray, the innovative endoscopic hemostatic treatment modality, is now available in Australia and Argentina, providing clinicians in those countries a valuable new tool to treat their patients with certain types of critical GI bleeds. Hemospray was launched in those countries at Vista Education and Training Programs, where physicians were eager to gain hands-on experience and to learn about the distinctive features and clinical benefits of Hemospray.

In addition to the recent launches in Argentina and Australia, Hemospray is currently available to clinicians in Canada, Mexico, Australia, Hong Kong and throughout Europe.

On page 2, Deputy Sister Tara Shepherd of England’s Nottingham University Hospitals (NHS Trust) explains how Hemospray can be a simple and effective hemostasis treatment option to enhance outcomes for clinicians, assistants and patients.

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Hemospray Endoscopic Hemostat Changing GI Bleed Management Options

Nottingham University Hospitals (NHS Trust) supports the healthcare service needs of more than 2.5 million residents of Nottingham, England and nearby communities. In addition, specialist expertise impacts the care of 3 to 4 million people in the region.

The Channel: What are the most challenging issues that your team encounters most often in hemostasis-related procedures?

Shepherd: When you are faced with an upper GI bleed, you try to assess source and decide what will be the best way to treat it. Some other hemostasis devices using a contact approach can cause further trauma such as thermal devices which can be successful in these procedures. However with a large oozing area such as a post EMR/ESD site, personally I have found Hemospray to be very effective.

Hemostasis-related procedures are difficult cases where we need to think of other alternative treatments. Technique and scope positioning do have an impact on some hemostasis devices. An important consideration is that the Hemospray catheter can be used in retroflexion. This again has increased the confidence level for physicians and staff members.

The Channel: Do you have a specific training approach for your staff when it comes to learning about the different hemostasis modalities in GI bleed management?

Shepherd: All staff members are given a Hemostasis booklet to complete both by the Trust and Cook. These booklets go through the types of hemostasis procedures and let the staff identify ulcers, grading of varices and the different modalities of treatment (ideally two). The clinicians have hands-on training from the Cook representatives in actual cases and simulated cases.

The Channel: What has been the learning curve with regard to your team’s support of Hemospray utilization? Can you briefly discuss how long Hemospray has been available in your unit and approximately how many cases so far have involved its use?

Shepherd: Hemospray has been used in the unit since its release in late 2013. We have used it on around 200 cases. These cases include both emergency and elective (EMR’s) procedures. Hemospray was first used in our Trust following a complication from an EUS procedure with lifesaving effect. Hemospray provides us with time and helps us identify areas of bleeding. I have witnessed in one case where the physician could not identify the exact point of bleeding and used Hemospray in the area of suspicion. The next day when we had another look endoscopically, we could see where the Hemospray had been used and successfully stopped a bleeding vessel. This allowed us to then treat the vessel successfully with a contact therapy to prevent a re-bleed.

The Channel: In general, how do you foresee Hemospray’s impact as an addition to the bleed management options available to your physicians?

Shepherd: Hemospray already has a positive impact on bleed management, and I believe this is going to continue to grow. As an addition to bleed management, this is a positive advance in patient treatment.

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Deputy Sister Tara Shepherd: We decrease this stress level by having simple and effective treatment options to ensure a positive outcome for our patients. Hemospray is quick to set up and very easy to use. Staff members have found upper GI bleed cases less stressful since we have been using Hemospray. They feel more confident in being able to provide a positive safe treatment option for these patients. Sometimes we are faced with cases where you know the site of bleeding. However due to the obscure nature you may not be able to apply certain hemostasis devices, so it is comforting to know that you have Hemospray and in those emergency situations you can have it ready for immediate response.
See Nottingham University Hospitals’ clinicians discuss benefits of Hemospray

Go to the www.cookmedical.eu/endoscopy/giving-clinicians-another-option-in-their-toolkit to view a video, featuring Dr. Martin James, Prof. Krish Ragunath and Deputy Sister Tara Shepherd of Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham, a facility that has been using Hemospray since its release. In the video, Dr. James notes: “There are difficult cases where we need to think of other options. Without the investment in innovations such as Hemospray, it’s hard to see that we can advance the field of medicine.”

The video is co-produced by ITN Productions, Cook Medical and the RSM.

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– Dr. Martin James

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Prof. Krish Ragunath and Deputy Sister Tara Shepherd were not paid consultants for Cook Medical at the time of this publication.
Hemospray Publications

**CLINICAL**


**NON-CLINICAL**

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Easy access to the latest news and clinical data on Hemospray

Cook Medical’s Hemospray website* (hemospray.cookmedical.com) is your ultimate destination for the most comprehensive and relevant information on this exciting hemostatic treatment modality. In one place, you can easily access literature, clinical references, FAQs, a video library, links to reference articles and much more. The site also allows you to request a schedule of Vista educational events and other valuable information.

Our goal is to give you everything you need to support you and the patients you serve. Be sure to let us know what you’re thinking with your feedback and comments.

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