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### OBI AND OUHSC MEDICAL TEAMS RECEIVE OSMA AWARD

The Editorial Board of the Journal of the Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA) has announced the recipients of the prestigious Charlotte S. Leebron Memorial Trust Fund Award. The award recognizes authors who submit the scientific paper judged “most worthy” for publication in the *OSMA Journal*.

Jean Forsberg, M.D., Associate Medical Director, Director of Transfusion Services, Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) received the award on behalf of her fellow authors during the 102<sup>nd</sup> OSMA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon held in Tulsa in April. The article, entitled “*The Oklahoma Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura-Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Registry: A Community Service*”, was published in the July 2007 issue of the *OSMA Journal*.

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By collecting, analyzing, and publishing information on Oklahoma patients with TTP, The Oklahoma Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic-Purpura-Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (TTP-HUS) Registry has become a community service, providing support for physicians and patients who confront these uncommon, critical disorders.

Oklahoma Blood Institute is the tenth largest regional, non-profit blood center in the U.S. and provides transfusion blood products and clinical services to 125 medical facilities in Oklahoma and North Central Texas. OBI, headquartered in Oklahoma City, maintains five donor centers in the Oklahoma City area plus regional centers in Tulsa, Lawton, Enid, Ardmore, Ada and Ponca City, and The Texas Blood Institute in Wichita Falls, TX. It manages the life-saving donations from more than 120,000 individuals each year.