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ISBT Toolkit to Improve Collaboration among Blood Services and Public Health

A [report](#) published in *Vox Sanguinis* shares insights and information on the development of a “[Public Health Research Toolkit](#)” by the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) Transfusion Transmitted Infectious Diseases (TTID) Working Party. The complimentary toolkit was created to serve as a hub of centralized, “resources and links aimed at assisting blood services interested in initiating public health collaboration.”

The authors of the report explained that, “[b]lood donors are an ideal sentinel or convenience population for surveillance for blood-borne disease markers and biomarkers in a healthy population.” They noted that, “[b]lood services are well suited to collaborate in this type of research as they have an infrastructure already in place for recruiting donors; collecting, transporting, and testing large numbers of samples on a daily basis; many frequent repeat donors, which permits longitudinal studies; information systems for capturing data; and a range of expert personnel who support these operations. In addition to being trained in their area of specialty, all staff are trained [in] following standard operating procedures, good manufacturing practices and biosafety procedures. In some facilities, procedures may already be in place for collecting blood samples and blood products for research purposes, including obtaining research consent at the time of donation.”

They describe how blood services are underused as a means for public health surveillance due to, “lack of awareness amongst public health agencies as to the potential of blood donors, lack of knowledge of the data available and siloed interaction between public health and blood services that focuses on transfusion issues.” They cite collaborative efforts between public health authorities and blood services during the COVID-19 pandemic as a positive example of working together and an opportunity for blood services to build momentum, “to increase the utilization of blood donors and to leverage their data to contribute to public health surveillance and research, as well as emergency preparedness against emerging transfusion-transmitted pathogens. It is also an opportunity for blood services to expand their services to support their blood operations.”

The ISBT TTID Working Party further explained that the ISBT Public Health Research Toolkit, “provid[es] a framework to enable researchers and/or blood services to increase the recognition of the role that blood donors can play in public health and to efficiently gain commitment and funding from various agencies for new research and surveillance. The toolkit consists of two main sections:

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- information on how and what blood services can offer to public health; and
- how they can enhance the ability to support emerging outbreaks once discovered.”

ISBT plans to update the toolkit with additional information as it, “becomes available.”

Citation: Stanley, J. Busch, M., Erikstrup, C., *et al.* “[The International Society of Blood Transfusion \(ISBT\) Public Health Research Toolkit: A report from the Surveillance, Risk Assessment and Policy Sub-group of the ISBT Transfusion Transmitted Infectious Diseases Working Party.](#)” *Vox Sanguinis*. 2024. ♦

ABC Guide on Laboratory Developed Tests Rule

America’s Blood Centers has published a [guide](#) to assist community blood centers with the implications and impact of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [laboratory developed tests](#) (LDTs) final rule and the pending lawsuits challenging the regulation. Titled, “Navigating the FDA’s New Rule on LDTs and the Road Ahead,” the blog provides:

- an implementation timeline for the LDTs final rule;
- a link to ABC’s [comments](#) to FDA concerning LDTs;
- a summary of lawsuits contesting the regulation
- a look ahead at potential next steps; and
- the impact of litigation on the timing of implementation of the final rule.

Members blood centers are encouraged to review this information and [contact](#) ABC Vice President of Government Affairs Diane Calmus, JD with questions. ABC will continue to provide updates as they become available.

(Source: ABC [Communication](#), 8/28/24) ♦

ABC Recognized as 2024 Red Hot Association

DCA Live recently [honored](#) America’s Blood Centers (ABC) as a 2024 Red Hot Association. Members of the ABC staff attended a reception in Washington, D.C. this week where ABC was recognized for its efforts in, “unlock[ing] new ways to deliver value to [its] members and adopting innovative approaches to business challenges [following disruptions of the previous few years]...Since 2014, DCA Live has hosted live and virtual events featuring the fastest growing companies and most dynamic professionals in the Washington, D.C. region’s legal, association & nonprofit, entrepreneur, federal tech, real estate, and corporate communities.”



(Source: DCA Live [Announcement](#), 8/27/24) ♦

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REGULATORY NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will [hold](#) a virtual Patient Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting on October 30th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. The meeting will include discussions and recommendations regarding “Patient-Centered Informed Consent in Clinical Study of FDA-Regulated Medical Products.” According to an announcement from the agency, “[t]he individuals who volunteer to participate in clinical research play an integral role in advancing scientific knowledge and supporting the development of potentially life-saving therapies for patients in need. Informed consent is a key element in clinical studies and can be one of a patient’s first interactions with the clinical community. Too often, however, informed consent forms are lengthy and difficult for potential research participants to understand. FDA has worked to improve informed consent over the years, including several recent activities such as developing a draft guidance in identifying key information in informed consent. The Committee will provide recommendations on the informed consent process and the areas of focus of the informed consent. The Committee will also provide recommendations on factors to consider when communicating informed consent to clinical study participants to increase the likelihood of participants understanding the key elements of research.” America’s Blood Centers previously submitted [comments](#) to agency on informed consent in response to a [draft guidance](#) explaining that the agency should, “ensure that key information is written at no higher than an eighth grade reading level, and preferably at a sixth or seventh grade reading level.” The ABC comments also noted that FDA should clarify the recommended length of key information, “[t]he draft guidance recommends [that] the ‘key information section of a consent document be relatively short (e.g., generally no more than a few pages).’ ABC recommends that FDA provide further clarity around the recommended length of the key information, to ensure this information is understandable and consistent.”

(Source: FDA [Announcement](#), 8/28/24) 💧



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ABC advocates for and advances policies that promote the role of independent blood centers in providing life-saving blood products and recognizes the continuous need for a safe and robust blood supply. ABC exists to advocate for laws and regulations recognizing the essential role that independent blood centers play in the health care system; promote partnerships, policies, and programs that increase awareness about the need for blood donation; and serve as a thought leader in the advancement of evidence-based medical and scientific solutions related to health and safety.

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WORD IN WASHINGTON

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, JD [hosted](#) a roundtable on August 26th to, “discuss mitigation strategies and solutions to alleviate the shortage of blood culture media bottles.” According to an announcement from HHS, the event featured, “government officials, hospital and clinical leaders, distributors, and representatives from Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD).” Reported discussions included, “BD describ[ing] actions taken to increase and stabilize production output over the past several months, supplement[ing] demand with BD BACTEC™ in glass vials, and support[ing] customers with extended shelf life where possible. BD stated that customers should see improved allocation soon with production levels back to meeting 100 percent of historic demand levels by end of September for the U.S. market and 125 percent of historical weekly demand by the end of 2024 to enable distributors and customers in the U.S. to rebuild inventory and safety stock. The Secretary touched on the ongoing need for voluntary collaboration in order to resolve this shortage quickly, from manufacturer to distributor to providers.”

(Source: HHS [News Release](#), 8/27/24) 💧

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATES

Mpox

The World Health Organization (WHO) has [published](#) and launched its, “[Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#) to stop outbreaks of human-to-human transmission of mpox through coordinated global, regional, and national efforts.” The agency explained that, “[t]he plan covers the six-month period of September 2024-February 2025, envisioning a \$135 million funding need for the response by WHO, Member States, partners including Africa Cent[ers] for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), communities, and researchers, among others.” Additionally, the WHO plan, “builds on the [temporary recommendations](#) and [standing recommendations](#) issued by the WHO Director-General, focuses on implementing comprehensive surveillance, prevention, readiness and response strategies; advancing research and equitable access to medical countermeasures like diagnostic tests and vaccines; minimizing animal-to-human transmission; and empowering communities to actively participate in outbreak prevention and control. Strategic vaccination efforts will focus on individuals at the highest risk, including close contacts of recent cases and healthcare workers, to interrupt transmission chains. At the global-level, the emphasis is on strategic leadership, timely evidence-based guidance, and access to medical countermeasures for the most at-risk groups in affected countries.”

(Source: WHO [Announcement](#), 8/26/24) 💧

MEMBER NEWS

San Diego Blood Bank (SDBB) has [joined](#) the National Blood Testing Cooperative (NBTC). The blood bank becomes the organization’s 18th member. “We are excited to be part of this innovative testing cooperative, where collaboration and advanced technology come together,” said Doug Morton, chief executive officer (CEO) of SDBB in the news release. “By joining forces, we can further our mission to uphold the highest standards of safety and quality in blood donation, ultimately saving more lives and improving patient care within our communities.” According to the news release, NBTC formed in 2019, “to allow community-based blood centers to take control of their blood testing needs. Today, NBTC provides high-quality testing services, at cost, to its owner-members by eliminating unnecessary profit mark-ups.” NBTC President and CEO Wendy Trivisonno added, “[w]e are excited about the future of this partnership and the positive impact it will have on our ability to serve communities around the country. Together with San Diego Blood Bank, we will work to further both of our missions to provide exceptional blood testing services while serving the community.” Other members of NBTC include:

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- **Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank** (Hummelstown, Penn.);
- **Community Blood Center of Ozarks** (Springfield, Mo.);
- **Houchin Community Blood Bank** (Bakersfield, Calif.);
- **ImpactLife** (Davenport, Iowa);
- **Kentucky Blood Center** (Lexington, Ky.);
- **LifeServe Blood Center** (Johnston, Iowa);
- **LifeShare Blood Center** (Shreveport, La.);
- **LifeSouth Community Blood Centers** (Gainesville, Fla.);
- **Miller-Keystone Blood Center** (Bethlehem, Penn.);
- **Northern California Community Blood Bank** (Eureka, Calif.);
- **Rock River Valley Blood Center** (Rockford, Ill.);
- **Shepard Blood Center** (Augusta, Ga.);
- **Stanford Blood Center** (Palo Alto, Calif.);
- **SunCoast Blood Centers** (Sarasota, Fla.);
- **San Diego Blood Bank** (San Diego, Calif.);
- **The Blood Center** (New Orleans, La.);
- **Texoma Regional Blood Center** (Sherman, Texas); [and]
- **We Are Blood** (Austin, Texas).

(Source: NBTC [News Release](#), 8/30/24) 💧

BRIEFLY NOTED

A *Health Affairs* [blog post](#) titled, “A New Era Begins For Blood Donation By Gay Men,” explores the need for continued outreach efforts and advocacy to increase the impact of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s [policy shift](#) to individual donor assessments. The author identifies three strategies, “[t]o transform this opportunity into meaningful participation.” The strategies include:

- “building trust among potential donors;
- educating them — as well as public health leaders and clinicians — about the new policy;
- and demonstrating the impactful contributions of LGBTQ+ blood donors — particularly cisgender gay men (those most widely excluded over the years).”

(Source: *Health Affairs*, “[A new era begins for blood donation by gay men](#),” 8/22/24)

National Public Radio (NPR) has [published](#) a story examining if kidney donors should be compensated to combat kidney shortages and incentivize potential donors. The news outlet describes proposed federal legislation to create a decade long pilot program that would, “offer a refundable tax credit of \$50,000, spread evenly over five years, to people who donate one of their kidneys to an anonymous recipient on the national kidney waitlist.” An advocate of the bill from a pro-compensation organization explained in the story, “[a]bout two-thirds of all transplants come from someone who has died. The rest, about 6,000 a year, come from living donors, most of whom give to a family member or friend. Only 300 to 400 living donor kidneys come from ‘altruistic donors,’ people who give one of their kidneys to someone they don’t know on the waitlist. Those who give kidneys to strangers are saving the people who are waiting the longest on the waitlist and are most likely to die from the kidney shortage.” While those individuals against compensation suggested that, “[w]hen something goes from being something which people give to being something that is bought, the givers stop giving.” They also explained that incentivizing donors could also, “undermine global efforts to end the illicit organ trade.”

(Source: NPR, “[There’s a severe kidney shortage. Should donors be compensated?](#),” 8/26/24) 💧



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INSIDE ABC

The programs and services described in the Inside ABC section are available to ABC member blood centers and their staffs only, unless otherwise specified.

ABC Announces Cybersecurity Webinar on September 17th

The next America's Blood Centers (ABC) Education Committee Webinar titled "Cybersecurity: Threats & Preventative Actions" will occur September 17th at 3 p.m. EDT. The webinar will cover the topics of threat landscape and best practices for the prevention of cyberattacks. Featured speakers include George Chacko, CISSP, HCSSP, PMP, executive director of Information Security and Compliance at the New York Blood Center Enterprises and Saiyed Iqbal, CRISC, CGEIT, CNE, director of Information Services at LifeStream. More information and a link to registration are available [here](#).

Speakers Announced for 2024 ADRP Master Class

The full schedule of speakers is [available](#) for the 2024 ADRP Master Class: "Bring in the Coach — The Path to Effective Leadership!" [Register now](#) and do not miss your shot to grow and learn. This virtual event is taking place September 18th-19th and will include:

- Health Psychologist Nicole Eull;
- Leadership Coach Jonathan R. Parker;
- Leadership Expert William B. Henry; and
- Business Strategy and Development Leader Dr. Meghan Kinter.

The [2024 Master Class](#) promises an interactive journey filled with powerful insights, practical tools, and actionable strategies. Gain the skills you need to enhance communication, build effective teamwork, and boost emotional intelligence. This is your opportunity to leave the bench and master effective leadership. Secure your spot today and equip yourself with the knowledge and expertise needed to lead your team to victory. When we thrive, patients thrive. Grab your clipboard, [register today](#), and get ready to elevate your team to new heights!

Register for ABC WELC Rise & Lead Workshop

[Registration](#) is open for the ABC Women's Executive Leadership Community's (WELC) [Rise & Lead Workshop](#). This event will take place November 6th -7th in San Antonio, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort. The workshop will ignite meaningful conversations and cultivate diverse perspectives. This event goes beyond traditional conferences by encouraging dynamic conversations that spark connections and drive personal and professional growth. At the Rise & Lead Workshop, you will delve into topics that matter, participate in interactive networking sessions, and walk away with tangible, real-life strategies to become a more resilient leader in today's ever-evolving world. Elevate your leadership journey with us! A [preliminary agenda](#) is available. [Book](#) your room by October 9th to secure the group rate. ♦

GLOBAL NEWS

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), the national blood provider for England and transplant services for the United Kingdom (UK), [renewed](#) a national blood shortage “Amber Alert” on August 28th. According to the announcement, “[w]hile donor cent[ers] have been more than 90 percent full since [the July 25th Amber Alert] was declared, fill rates drop off sharply over the coming weeks. Cent[ers] are just 40 percent full in the middle of September and this drops to 21 percent by the end of October. NHSBT [declared](#) the initial Amber Alert last month, “for O negative and O positive type blood following a ‘perfect storm’ of increased hospital demand for O blood following the cyberattack on London hospitals in June, and reduced collections due to high levels of unfilled appointments at donor cent[ers].” At that time, “national stocks of O Negative [were at] 1.6 days and overall national stocks of blood across all types [was] 4.3 days. [The Amber Alert] triggers hospitals being able to implement their emergency measures to minimize usage, move staff to laboratories to vet the use of all O type blood, and use patient blood management systems to minimize use of O type blood.”

(Source: NHSBT [Communication](#), 8/28/24)

NHSBT also recently [announced](#) that a “world-first study” is underway, “to identify which genes make some people stem cell super donors.” The study (GeSTy) intends to, “use genetic testing to examine the DNA of frozen samples from up to 5,000 past donors held by the NHS Blood and Transplant registry and the Anthony Nolan registry, to try and identify which genes influence how many stem cells people are able to donate. The results should enable doctors to develop a scoring system to make better choices about which people should be selected to donate. High stem cell yields are associated with faster recovery times and better patient outcomes.” According to a NHSBT news release, “[the study] uses a technique called genome wide association analysis so that scientists can look for the ‘signals’ of any genes that are associated with higher yields. Donor stem cell yields can vary 40-fold. The existing research shows factors such as age, sex, weight, and ethnicity predict stem cell yield to some degree.” The GeSTy study will attempt to uncover additional factors that impact and influence stem cell yield.

(Source: NHSBT [News Release](#), 8/23/24) ◆

COMPANY NEWS

InVita Healthcare Technologies recently [announced](#) that its partnership with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center has expanded. Through the collaboration, the blood center will begin using InVita’s advanced cell therapy management solution, “designed to streamline the recruitment and scheduling processes for cell therapy—an essential step in advancing these highly specialized and individualized therapies.” According to a company news release, “Gulf Coast will be able to efficiently segment and target donors by specific cell therapy program types, ensuring that the right donors are enlisted for the right programs at the right time. Additionally, the system facilitates scheduling pre-screening appointments that adhere to the strict timelines required for successful individualized therapies. This streamlined approach is crucial in advancing the treatment and potential cure of critical diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries.”

(Source: InVita Healthcare Technologies [News Release](#), 8/27/24) ◆

CALENDAR

Note to subscribers: Submissions for a free listing in this calendar (published weekly) are welcome. Send information to newsletter@americasblood.org. (For a more detailed announcement in the weekly “Meetings” section of the newsletter, please include program information.)

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Sept. 3-6. **American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Annual Meeting. Chicago, Ill.** [Registration](#) is open. More information is available [here](#).

Sept. 5. **U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) Office of Therapeutic Products (OTP) Town Hall: Cell Therapy Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls (CMC) Readiness for Late-Stage Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs) (Virtual).** [Registration](#) is open. More information is available [here](#).

Sept. 12. **FDA Grand Rounds – Advancing Blood Safety and Patient Health in HIV/AIDS through FDA’s Research on Viral Genome Surveillance, Diagnostic Technologies, and Biomarker Discovery (Webcast).** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Sept. 12-14. **Society for the Advancement of Patient Blood Management (SABM) 2024 Annual Meeting. Phoenix, Ariz.** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Sept. 16-18. **2024 FDA CBER Science Symposium (Hybrid), Silver Spring, Md.** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Sept. 17. **America’s Blood Centers (ABC) Webinar: Cybersecurity: Threats & Preventative Actions.** More information and a link to registration are available [here](#).

Sept. 18-19. **2024 ADRP Master Class: Bring in the Coach — The Path to Effective Leadership (Virtual).** More information available [here](#).

Sept. 19. **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Department of Transfusion Medicine NIH Clinical Center and the American Red Cross 43rd Annual Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion Symposium (Virtual).** [Registration](#) is open.

Sept. 24. **FDA Webinar: Labeling Requirements for *In Vitro* Diagnostic Products (IVD), Including Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs), Under 21 CFR 809.10(b).** More information available [here](#).

Sept 26. **ABC Women’s Executive Leadership Community (WELC) Webinar.** More information coming soon.

Sept. 30-Oct. 3. **American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) Annual Meeting. Denver, Colo.** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Oct. 16-17. **Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion (BEST) Fall Meeting. Galveston, Texas.** More information available [here](#).

Oct. 19-22. **Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB) Annual Meeting. Houston, Texas.** More information available [here](#).

Oct. 30. **FDA Patient Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting on Patient-Centered Informed Consent in Clinical Study (Virtual).** More information available [here](#).

Nov. 6-7. **ABC Women’s Executive Leadership Community (WELC) Workshop. San Antonio, Texas.** [Registration](#) is open. More information is available [here](#).

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Nov. 13. **2024 ADRP International Showcase.** More information coming soon.

Nov. 19-20. **Trauma Hemostasis & Oxygenation Research (THOR) Network Emergency Transfusion in Females with Childbearing Potential: Mitigating the Risks of Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus and Newborn Meeting.** Bethesda, Md. [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Nov. 19-20. **Plasma Protein Forum.** Washington, D.C. More information available [here](#).

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Mar. 10-12. **ABC Annual Meeting.** Arlington, Va. More information is coming soon.

May 6-8. **2025 ADRP Annual Conference.** Oklahoma City, Okla. More information available [here](#).

May 20-21. **International Plasma Protein Congress.** Warsaw, Poland. More information is coming soon.

Oct. 12-15. **AATB Annual Meeting.** Atlanta, Ga. More information is coming soon.

Oct. 25-28. **AABB Annual Meeting.** San Diego, Calif. More information is coming soon. 💧

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Classified advertisements, including notices of positions available and wanted, are published free of charge for a maximum of three weeks per position per calendar year for ABC members. There are charges for non-members: \$139 per placement for ABC Newsletter subscribers and \$279 for non-subscribers. A six (6) percent processing fee will be applied to all credit card payments. Notices ordinarily are limited to 150 words. To place an ad, e-mail: newsletter@americasblood.org

POSITIONS

Associate Medical Director (Oklahoma City, OK). Our Blood Institute (OBI) seeks an **Associate Medical Director** for its Oklahoma City headquarters location. The Associate Medical Director is a licensed physician with shared responsibility for the medical, technical, and clinical leadership and direction of OBI's operations. This position will help direct and supervise key staff and processes to ensure the safety and well-being of all blood donors, the quality of all blood products manufactured, and the provision of premier laboratory and patient services. Ample complex medical care and professional growth opportunities arise from our Therapeutic Apheresis, AABB accredited IRL, and FACT accredited cell therapy operations. Numerous clinical research, public health, and product development initiatives can inspire projects ranging from community health surveillance to entrepreneurial start-ups. Empowering resources including clean rooms, a high-volume donor testing laboratory, and sizable software engineering skunkworks. OBI has a variety of outstanding opportunities to propel your career in a nimble, supportive, and friendly environment. Management experience and business skill acquisition is guaranteed in a complex, 1100-employee non-profit organization. **Salary Range:** Competitive salary with excellent benefits package including health, dental, vision, and life insurance, 401(k), paid time off, and holiday pay. **How to apply:** <https://obi.org/about/careers/>.

Technical Director. The Northern California Community Blood Bank seeks a skilled leader and laboratory professional to join our team as Technical Director. Located in the magnificent Northern California coastal redwoods, Eureka is the market and cultural center of a beautiful region filled with iconic redwoods and stunningly beautiful, rugged remote ocean landscapes. Our blood bank offers a low-stress environment, excellent work-life balance, and the opportunity to join a supportive, inclusive team and an organization with a vibrant community relationship. The Technical Director has overall responsibility for the Laboratory and all activities related to the production of blood products. This position supervises Laboratory Staff performing component production, inventory control, distribution, and reference immunohematology, ensuring that all details of blood product manufacture are compliant with regulatory and standard-setting agencies. A qualified candidate must meet CLIA General supervisor qualifications and hold a California Clinical Laboratory Scientist License (CLS). Experience as a technologist performing high complexity testing in a clinical laboratory and familiarity with standard laboratory methods and techniques is required. For details and to apply, visit www.nccbb.net/employment.html.

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Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS)/Technologist (MLT). This role at LIFELINE Blood Services performs lab procedures such as compatibility testing, reference lab work, specimen processing, test performance, and reporting test results. Also, may perform computer aided labeling, component production, and distribution. Responsible for maintenance and storage of blood components including temperature monitoring, labeling of blood, biohazard disposal, Quality Control and Preventative Maintenance, bexWISE Process and bexWISE Affirm Operation, component preparation, packing recovered plasma, daily orders, blood shipments and returns, shipping recovered plasma, inventory control, resource management, importing and exporting, irradiation of Blood Products. Laboratory Duties include qualifications of Apheresis Platelets and Plasma, lot release, sending tubes to testing lab, RRC program, and management of Soot. RRC Duties include pulling retention samples to send to Ortho Diagnostics for antigen typing and recruiting new donors for the RRC program based on the needs of the manufacturers. EDUCATION: MLS, bachelor's degree in Medical Technology, Clinical Laboratory Science or chemical, physical, or biological science and Current State of Tennessee licensure. Apply for Medical Laboratory Scientist/Technologist by clicking [here](#).

Immunohematology Reference Lab Medical Technologist. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is looking for an experienced Laboratory Medical Technologist, with a passion for making a difference, to join our Immunohematology Reference Laboratory team in Atlanta, GA. The position is responsible for following established policies and procedures, identifying problems that may adversely affect test performance or reporting of test results, and either correct the problems or immediately notify a supervisor, manager, or director. The IRL Medical Technologist will resolve immunohematology and compatibility problems to provide the safest donor blood for the patients in our community. We focus on providing the best possible customer service. Join our team and help us continue our dedication to making sure the blood is there when you or your family is in need. Visit our careers page to learn more about this position, and [apply here!](#)

Immunohematology Reference Lab Medical Technologist. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is looking for an experienced Laboratory Medical Technologist, with a passion for making a difference, to join our Immunohematology Reference Laboratory team in Jacksonville, FL. The position is responsible for following established policies and procedures, identifying problems that may adversely affect test performance or reporting of test results, and either correct the problems or immediately notify a supervisor, manager, or director. This individual will resolve complex immunohematology and compatibility problems to provide the safest donor blood for the

patients in our community. We focus on providing the best possible customer service. Join our team and help us continue our dedication to making sure the blood is there when you or your family is in need. Visit our careers page to learn more about this position, and [apply here!](#)

Laboratory Education Coordinator. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is looking for a team-oriented, goal-driven individual with a passion for education to join the team as a Laboratory Education Coordinator in Gainesville, FL. This position is responsible for the overall execution and development of LifeSouth's Blood Banking and Transfusion Medical education programs. Additional responsibilities include assisting with the training of laboratory employees, assessing competencies, and maintaining training materials. Join our team and help us continue our dedication to making sure the blood is there when you or your family is in need. Visit our careers page to learn more about this position, and [apply here!](#)

Marketing Executive. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is looking for a highly skilled leader with a solid understanding of marketing principles and techniques, a data-driven approach, and a passion for innovation, to join the team as Marketing Executive in Gainesville, FL. This position is responsible for the overall marketing strategy across the organization. This position requires active communication with executive leadership and department directors within the organization to ensure adequate planning and execution of strategic marketing plans. This position is dedicated to advancing the organization's objectives in blood donation, cord blood services, cellular therapy, new business development, and meeting patient needs. Join our team and help us continue our dedication to making sure the blood is there when you or your family is in need. Visit our careers page to learn more about this position, and [apply here!](#)

IRL Supervisor. Bloodworks Northwest, a recognized leader in transfusion medicine, currently has an opening for an IRL Supervisor in the Immunohematology Reference Laboratory. Key responsibilities include supervising departmental staff, ensuring the management of departmental projects, and participating in interdepartmental projects according to established priorities and timelines. Coordinating quality review and management of errors. Providing technical expertise in IRL testing and the development and implementation of new methods and as needed and perform clinical laboratory testing. Requirements include: Must qualify as General Supervisor, High Complexity Testing, under CLIA personnel requirements found in Subpart M of the Code of Federal Regulations. Certification as a Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB) is required. Certification as a Medical Laboratory Scientist

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(MLS) is preferred. Five years of laboratory technical experience with at two years of experience in immunohematology reference testing is required or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Three years of laboratory supervisor or Lead experience is preferred. Demonstrated expertise in immunohematology reference testing. Basic knowledge of molecular techniques is preferred. We offer competitive benefits: Medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement plan, subsidized back-up childcare program, subsidized transit program, educational reimbursement and more! Interested candidates should apply directly on our website at www.bloodworksny.org/careers



Assistant/Associate Director, Blood Transfusion Service (Massachusetts General Hospital; Boston, Massachusetts). The Department of Pathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), a founding hospital of Mass General Brigham, and a major teaching affiliate of the Harvard Medical School, seeks a full-time, early- or mid-career, academically oriented transfusion medicine physician. The successful candidate will combine clinical and teaching activities with a research program in a field relevant to transfusion medicine, hematology, or hemostasis. The Blood Transfusion Service at MGH encompasses an FDA-licensed donor center, therapeutic apheresis, an outpatient transfusion/infusion clinic, a transfusion service, and progenitor cell collection and processing. We collaborate closely with colleagues in bone marrow and solid organ transplantation, CAR-T cell therapy, cardiac surgery, trauma and critical care, neurology, and pediatrics. Our faculty also work closely with transfusion medicine faculty within the MGB network. Service and teaching responsibilities will be shared with two full- and several part-time staff physicians. Candidates must be BC/BE in Transfusion Medicine, with primary training in either Pathology or Hematology/Oncology (adult or pediatric). Academic rank as Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Instructor and salary will be commensurate with experience and accomplishments. Interested candidates should send a personal statement with research interest, three potential referees and Curriculum Vitae to: Dr. Robert Makar; Director, Blood Transfusion Service; Department of Pathology; Massachusetts General Hospital; 55 Fruit Street, GRJ 148; Boston, MA 02114. Email: rmakar@mgh.harvard.edu C/O Diane Savickas dsavickas@mgb.org. We are an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, and pregnancy-related conditions, or any other characteristic protected by law.



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