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Data on Transfusion-transmissible Coinfections Estimated in U.S. Blood Donors Published

A brief report [published](#) in *Transfusion* uses data from the U.S. Transfusion-Transmissible Infections Monitoring System (TTIMS), which represents 60 percent of the country’s blood supply, to explore, “the prevalence of blood donations positive for two or more transfusion-transmissible infections (TTIs), or coinfections (past or present). The investigators of this study also, “describe the demographic characteristics of these unique donors, and evaluate the relationship of the various combinations of TTIs.”

The study included TTIMS data from October 2020 to September 2023 as only, “donors of allogeneic (including COVID-19 convalescent plasma) and directed donations with valid test results for monitored infectious disease markers (HIV, HBV, HCV, and syphilis) were included in the analysis.” The authors explained that they defined coinfections as, “donations with multiple positive markers identifying the donor as infected with any combination of HIV, HBV, HCV, or syphilis infection in the same donation.” The dataset for the analysis featured 21,962,111 donations from 6,846,036 donors over the three-year span.

The analysis discovered a, “total of 10,516 donations from TTI-infected donors (overall prevalence of 478.8 per million donations (pmd)) includ[ing] 439 HIV consensus positive (CP) (20.0 pmd), 1,346 HBV CP (61.3 pmd), 2,105 HCV CP (95.8 pmd), and 6,842 syphilis CP (311.5 pmd) donations. While the vast majority were infections with a single agent (N=10,304), there were 212 CP coinfections, yielding a coinfection prevalence of 9.7 pmd (95 percent CI: 8.4, 11.0).”

The authors further explained that, “[t]he proportion of donations from coinfecting donors for any TTI-positive combination was 212 of 10,516 (2 percent) TTI-positive donations. Coinfection prevalence by TTI combination ranged from 0.3 pmd (95 percent CI: 0.1, 0.7) for HIV CP and HCV CP to 4.3 pmd (95 percent CI: 3.5, 5.3) for HIV CP and syphilis CP. Of note, there were four donors having infections with three agents, all involving HIV and syphilis (CP or active syphilis infection (ASI)) in combination with either HBV or HCV for a donation frequency of 0.2 pmd (95 percent CI: 0.05, 0.5). The most common coinfections were in combination with syphilis, whether CP or ASI. Of the 439 HIV CP in the three-year period, 21.6 percent were syphilis CP, illustrating the high degree of similarity in the epidemiology of infection with these two agents.”

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Donors with coinfections were predominantly male (84 percent) between the ages of 25-39 (31.1 percent) or 40-54 (34.9 percent). Additionally, 35.9 percent identified as white, and 34.9 percent were black. Also of note, 80.2 percent were first time donors and 79.3 percent resided in the southern portion of the U.S. The investigators also found that, “[w]hen comparing the coinfection group with the single TTI group, all were significantly different across strata (p=.03 for repeat donor status, p<.0001 for the rest), except for age group (p=.5), for which both groups had similar proportions. When comparing the coinfection group with the non-TTI group, all were significantly different across strata (p<.0001).”

The study analysis indicated that, “[a]ll individual TTIs were significantly associated with one another. The lowest magnitude of association was between HBV CP and ASI; a donor positive for HBV CP was 23 (95 percent CI: 13, 41) times more likely to also be positive for an ASI compared with a donor not HBV CP. The highest magnitude of association was between HIV CP and ASI; an HIV CP donor was 395 (95 percent CI: 298, 524) times more likely to also be positive for an ASI compared with a donor not defined as an HIV CP. Even though HIV CP and syphilis CP was the most frequent coinfection, the odds of an ASI donor also being an HIV CP was higher compared with the odds of a syphilis CP donor being also HIV CP, although in both analyses, the relationships between HIV CP and syphilis (whether CP or ASI) were similar. Syphilis CP was still highly associated with HIV CP with an odds ratio of 282 (95 percent CI: 224, 354).”

The authors concluded that, “[s]imilar to the general population infected with these agents, coinfections are relatively uncommon (approximately 2 percent) among infected (past or present) blood donors in the U.S. The current study, among blood donors, indicates that HIV, HBV, HCV, and syphilis are all associated with each other, likely due to shared routes of transmission. These relationships between TTIs should be considered when evaluating blood safety and current interventions.”

Citation: Conti, G., Notari, E.P., Dodd, R.Y., *et al.* “[Transfusion-transmissible coinfections among US blood donors.](#)” *Transfusion.* 2024. 💧

Versiti Acquires Solvita’s Blood Donation Operations

ABC member Solvita has sold its blood operations to ABC member Versiti. As a result of this transaction, Solvita’s blood donation operations will become Versiti Blood Center of Ohio starting Monday, November 4th according to [WDTN Dayton](#). A [report](#) from *WKEF* in Dayton, Ohio, attributed to Solvita Senior Director of Global Marketing Paul Lehner explained, “[o]ur focus is on a seamless integration that will ensure continued access to blood donation services through Solvita’s Dayton center and mobile blood drives. We look forward to this new collaboration as we continue to inspire donors and make a positive impact on the lives of patients across Ohio.”

WDTN Dayton also reported that Solvita will retain ownership of its tissue-donation business, “which will continue to share the building at 349 S. Main St. in downtown Dayton with the new Versiti for the foreseeable future.” The news outlet further explained that Versiti Blood Center of Ohio’s goal remains, “business as usual, especially with regards to taking care of donors. The center plans to hold an open house in [the coming] weeks.” Community Blood Center (Dayton) began, “operations in 1964, before entering the tissue donation field with the opening of the Dayton Regional Tissue Bank in 1986. (The tissue operation was renamed Community Tissue Services in the 1990s.) In 2023, Community Blood Center announced its re-branding as Solvita, derived from the Latin words sol (‘sun’) and vita (‘life’).”

(Sources: *WKEF*, “[Solvita plans to change name to Versiti Community Blood Center by Nov. 5.](#)” 10/28/24; *WDTN Dayton*, “[Solvita selling its blood donation operations to Versiti.](#)” 10/28/24) 💧



WORD IN WASHINGTON

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) held a [briefing](#) on October 28th regarding **conservation best practices for intravenous fluid (IV)**. The briefing comes in the wake of the Baxter IV fluid shortage following an operations disruption due to damage at a Baxter facility in North Carolina following Hurricane Helene. Baxter explained in its most recent [update](#) regarding the IV shortage that, “[w]e are pleased to announce that [we have] restarted the highest-throughput IV solutions manufacturing line. At its peak operation (prior to Hurricane Helene), this line represented approximately 25 percent of the site’s total production and approximately 50 percent of the site’s production of one-liter IV solutions, the most commonly used size by hospitals and clinics. Initial batches will be manufactured concurrently with ongoing quality activities and would only be released in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements to ensure the quality and safety of the products. It is important to note that the earliest that new North Cove product could start to ship is late November. This is ahead of our original expectations and a testament to the urgency, diligence, and resilienc[e] of the North Cove and broader Baxter teams as we’ve worked to accelerate recovery, with the coordination of FDA, ASPR and HHS. Assessment and repair of equipment with phased testing continues to progress across all other production lines, which will, in coordination with FDA, support resumption of operations in phases. We do not yet have a timeline for when we expect North Cove production to be fully restored to pre-hurricane levels.”

(Sources: HHS [Briefing](#), 10/28/24; Baxter [Announcement](#), 10/31/24)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) Office of Therapeutic Products (OTP) has [announced](#) a virtual town hall set for **December 12th at 11 a.m. EST**. [Registration](#) is open. According to an agency announcement, the event will focus on best practices for regulatory interactions with OTP. “Experts from OTP’s Office of Review Management & Regulatory Review (ORMRR) will answer questions regarding best practices for interacting with OTP...OTP launched its virtual town hall series to engage with product developers and researchers and discuss topics related to OTP-regulated products. The town halls have a question-and-answer format with the goal of providing regulatory information to advance drug development.”

(Source: CBER [Announcement](#), 10/25/24) 💧

Upcoming ABC Webinars & Virtual Events – Don’t Miss Out!

- **2024 ADRP International Showcase** – Nov. 13th. [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).
- **ABC Scientific, Medical, and Technical (SMT) Journal Club Webinar** – Dec. 2nd at 4 p.m. EST. More information is coming soon.

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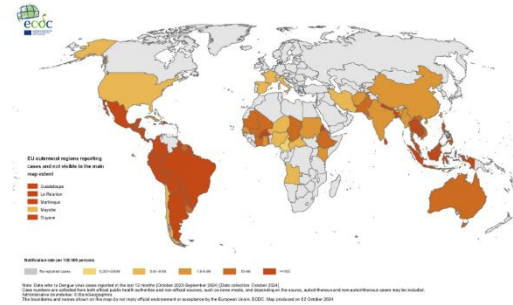
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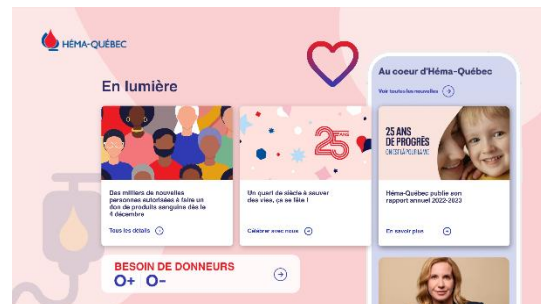
The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) [published](#) a global overview of dengue cases as part of a “Situation Update” on October 7th. According to the agency, “[s]ince the beginning of 2024, over 13 million dengue cases and over 8500 dengue-related deaths have been reported globally. Most cases globally have occurred in the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) regions where over 11 million cases have been reported in 2024, 53 percent of these being laboratory confirmed. Among the dengue cases, the total number of deaths in PAHO is over 6 000 (case fatality rate: 0.057 percent). Brazil has reported most cases in 2024 (over 9.5 million) followed by Argentina, Mexico, Paraguay, and Colombia. In mainland Europe, autochthonous cases have been reported by France, Italy, and Spain as of September 2024.” As part of its assessment, the ECDC explained that, “[t]he Americas is currently facing the largest ever outbreak of dengue. As a result, there has been a substantial increase in the number of imported cases of dengue to the European Union (EU)/and the European Economic Area (EEA) since the beginning of the year. The likelihood of onward transmission of dengue and chikungunya virus in mainland EU/EEA is linked to importation of the virus by vir[e]mic travelers into receptive areas with established and active competent vectors (e.g. *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti*)... The current likelihood of the occurrence of local transmission events of chikungunya and dengue viruses in areas where the vectors are present in mainland EU/EEA is high, as the environmental conditions are favorable for vector activity and virus replication in vectors. All past autochthonous outbreaks of chikungunya and dengue in mainland EU/EEA have so far occurred between June and November.”



(Source: ECDC [Situation Update](#), 10/7/24) 💧

MEMBER NEWS

Héma-Québec recently [redesigned](#) its website for a “renewed and highly simplified user experience.” According to an announcement from the web development firm Tink, the website now features, “a modernized platform that significantly simplifies online appointment scheduling for donors. The entire site architecture was redesigned around three main pillars so that users are guided from the outset according to their needs: Donate (blood, plasma, breast milk, etc.), Get involved (becoming a volunteer, organizing a drive, etc.), and Check-out Héma-Québec (to learn more about their mission, governance, and more). Both the general public and healthcare professionals can now easily navigate through the site’s extensive content to quickly find what they are looking for.”



(Source: Tink [Announcement](#), 10/30/24) 💧

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INSIDE ABC

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ABC Executive Compensation Survey Deadline Extended

The deadline to participate in the America's Blood Centers (ABC) [Executive Compensation Survey](#) has been extended to Friday, November 8th. This survey serves as a resource for blood center chief executive officers (CEOs) and their boards in setting executive salaries/benefits, as well as meeting the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990 requirements to demonstrate comparability of executive compensation. Please [contact us](#) with questions.

Workforce Trends Survey Report Available

ABC has published the 2024 Workforce Trends Survey Report. This resource is available for [purchase](#) by ABC member blood centers and offers deep insights into compensation, benefits, human resources policies, turnover and retention rates, and workforce trends specific to blood centers. Those member blood centers who participated in the Workforce Trends Survey can purchase the report at a discounted price (discount code required). This survey combines the previous Compensation & Benefits and Employee Turnover & Retention surveys. Please [contact us](#) with questions

Advocacy Agenda Input Requested by November 8th

America's Blood Centers (ABC) in consultation with the ABC Board of Directors and Policy Council is developing its Advocacy Agenda for 2025. As a part of the development process, member blood center feedback is being sought. Please complete the brief survey linked in [MCN 24-066](#) to share your input and make your voice heard by Friday, November 8th. The 2025 Advocacy Agenda will build upon the work completed over the past year. ABC thanks all members and partners who helped advance the policy issues outlined in the [2024 Advocacy Agenda](#). Please [contact](#) ABC Vice President of Federal Government Affairs Diane Calmus, JD with any questions.

(Source: [MCN 24-066](#), 10/16/24)

Call for ABC Board Nominations

ABC is accepting nominations for the ABC Board of Directors, for terms starting April 1st, 2025. Individuals interested in nominating themselves or other ABC members can find a link to the nomination form in [MCN 24-068](#) along with additional information regarding eligibility, composition, and terms for the ABC Board of Directors. Nominations are due by November 15th. Please [contact](#) ABC Chief Executive Officer Kate Fry, MBA, CAE with questions.

(Source: [MCN 24-068](#), 10/17/24)

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Executive Fellows Program Call for Applicants Deadline November 15th

ABC in partnership with Vanderbilt University's Owen School of Management is now [accepting applications](#) until November 15th for the [Executive Fellows Program \(EFP\)](#). This groundbreaking new initiative offers industry-specific, best-in-class leadership training to blood community executives, elevating individuals, organizations, and the nation's blood supply. The program will accept an annual cohort of up to 25 fellows, with the first cohort starting in March 2025. The EFP strives to accept participants from a wide variety of backgrounds and leadership roles. Final selections for the first cohort will occur by December 2024. An independent selection committee is responsible for selecting each year's cohort. Senior leaders from ABC member blood centers, hospital-associate members, affiliate organizations, and industry partners are encouraged to apply. The Foundation for America's Blood Centers (FABC) is pleased to announce up to \$30,000 in partial scholarships for individuals employed by ABC active member blood centers. Additional information regarding tuition rates is available [here](#). Through the EFP, individuals will be uniquely equipped with the business acumen and executive skill set needed to succeed in the blood community's ever-evolving environment. The EFP also features a week-long Leadership Residency at Vanderbilt each fall, three additional in-person learning immersions throughout the year, virtual seminars taught by Vanderbilt faculty, a 360-leadership assessment, individual executive coaching, a capstone project, and more.

Final Call to Register for the ABC WELC Rise & Lead Workshop

Time is running out to [register](#) 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 full [agenda](#) is available and features speaker Vicki Guy, a strategist, coach, and facilitator with more than two decades of corporate experience in sales, management and leadership development who partners with corporate and non-profit organizations to optimize their talent and create high performing teams. Take advantage of this exclusive opportunity to boost your leadership journey as this 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. Elevate your leadership journey with us!

Save the Date: SMT Journal Club on December 2nd

The next ABC Scientific, Medical, and Technical (SMT) Journal Club Webinar will take place on December 2nd from 4-5 p.m. EST. The webinar is free to all ABC members. An email announcement with a registration link and the articles to be reviewed on the webinar will be available soon. A Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit (1.0) is now offered for all ABC SMT Journal Club webinars.

Registration Is Open for the 2024 ADRP International Showcase

Join ADRP for the [2024 ADRP International Showcase](#) taking place on November 13th from 1-2:30 p.m. EST. [Registration](#) is open. Blood center professionals worldwide are encouraged to take part in this annual event that provides them with a forum to share, connect and learn from each other. Topics this year include:

- The "License to Save Lives" campaign, a low-budget but highly effective "guerrilla" marketing strategy that resulted in a 20 percent increase in new donors by Eva Petra Gómez Sjunnesson, Head of Communication and Marketing, Blood and Tissue Bank (Balearic Islands, Spain);
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) in blood donation: Implementation of an automated and efficient system to optimize the call of donors in three hospitals in Catalonia. Iris Garcia, PhD, Blood and Tissue Bank (Catalonia);

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- Voices in Action: How Community Leaders Amplify Our Voice. Chelsey Smith, Director of Public Relations, New York Blood Center Enterprises;
- Using AI to increase efficiency on social media (while staying human and full of empathy)? Yes we can. Patrice Lavoie, Director of Public Relations and Outreach, Héma-Québec; and
- Plasmattaque: a successful friendly competition between universities. Brigitte Bernier, Senior Advisor, Donor Recruitment, Héma-Québec. 💧

RESEARCH IN BRIEF

Evaluation of DEHP Free Containers. The aim of a [study](#) in *Transfusion Medicine* “was to compare performance of plastic with di (isononyl) cyclohexane-1,2-dicarboxylate (DINCH) plasticizer in both blood bags and leukocyte reduction filters. In addition, the effect of additive solutions was tested as well as performance of di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) -free DINCH storage bags for platelets.” The authors noted that for this study, “[w]hole blood (450 mL ± 10 percent) was collected at routine donation into DINCH/polyvinylchloride (PVC) (20 donations) or DEHP/PVC (20 donations) collection system. In each set, 63 mL CPD and 100 mL SAG-M or PAGGS-M was added during processing.” They also explained that, “whole blood was separated into components...Two [platelet] concentrate[s] [were] divided into five DINCH/PVC and another two into five trioctyl trimellitate (TOTM/PVC) bags...There were no observed visual, physical or practical disadvantages of using DINCH plasticizer during collection, processing and storage of blood.” The authors found that, “[i]n total, the DINCH top and bottom in-line red blood cell (RBC) system was concluded to be user-friendly...To assess specific influence of the integrated, in-line leukoreduction filter on the RBC quality conventional Sepacell R-S11 (DEHP/PVC) and Sepacell RS2 (DINCH/PVC) were compared. [Sepacell RS2] average filtration time was 18 min[utes] whereas Sepacell R-S11 was 28 min[utes] (p<0.01), while the residual leukocyte count was under 1 x 10⁶/unit.” Additionally, they discovered that, “[n]otably, a significantly lower h[e]molysis was observed at the end of storage (49 days) in the RBC stored in PAGGS-M compared to SAG-M in DINCH/PVC...Potassium concentration was increasing significantly in all RBC concentrate[s] and reached the upper limit of detection at 20 mmol/L after two weeks of storage. However, potassium was statistically significantly lower in arm A (DINCH/PAGGS-M) compared to arm D (DEHP/SAG-M) (p<0.01) at day seven.” The study also described that, in platelets “a slight but statistically significant elevation of pH (p<0.05) was observed after three days of storage [from day one in both DINCH and TOTM]...The value of pH in DINCH/PVC and TOTM/PVC were within the requirements of European guidelines during seven days storage.” For plasma, “[a]lthough a statistically significant decrease was observed after 12 months of storage of all clotting factors, the values were within the requirements of European guidelines.” The authors concluded that, “[t]he results show a possibility for replacement of DEHP with DINCH in both bags and filters.”

Citation: Danilova, E., Ezligini, F., Stöckel, C., Asakawa, M., Hetland, G. “[An evaluation of diethylhexyl phthalate free top & bottom in-line blood collection set with a new soft housing filter.](#)” *Transfusion Medicine*. 2024.

Contributed by Richard Gammon, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Carter BloodCare 💧





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(Source: Tink [Announcement](#), 10/30/24) 💧

GLOBAL NEWS

The World Health Organization (WHO) has [activated](#) the Global Health Emergency Corps (GHEC) to respond to mpox outbreaks. The activation comes in the wake of the declaration of mpox as a public health emergency of international concern by WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, PhD [in] August 2024. Eighteen African countries have reported mpox cases this year, and the rapid spread of clade 1b mpox to at least two other regions has raised concerns about further spread. In collaboration with the International Association of National Public Health Institutes, GHEC is assessing the emergency workforce capacities in eight countries affected by the mpox outbreak, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi, the two most affected countries. The assessment has so far identified 22 areas that need strengthening, including epidemiology and surveillance, laboratory capacities, infection prevention and control, risk communication, and community engagement.” According to the WHO, the GHEC is, “a grouping of professionals with the objective of strengthening the response to health emergencies, and a collaboration platform for countries and health emergency networks. It supports countries [with] their health emergency workforce, the surge deployment of experts and the networking of technical leaders. GHEC was established by WHO in 2023 after the response to the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the need to streamline efforts of existing networks to ensure better-coordinated support to countries.”

(Source: WHO [News Release](#), 10/29/24)

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood recently [announced](#) that Australia’s regulatory authority, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), has approved fecal microbiota transplants (FMT) to treat patients with *Clostridioides difficile* infections (CDI). “When we launched our microbiome program five years ago, our aim was to increase patient access to FMT and help thousands of Australians struggling to recover from this nasty infection,” said Lifeblood Executive Director Stuart Chesneau in a news release. “We’re very excited this goal has become a reality, with the help of many generous, unpaid microbiota donors.” CDI is a, “serious bacterial infection within the gut. [It occurs] in some patients who’ve had treatment with antibiotics and causes debilitating symptoms including pervasive diarrhea, stomach pain, fever and in rare cases can even be fatal.”

(Source: Australian Red Cross Lifeblood [News Release](#), 9/25/24) 💧



COMPANY NEWS

IT Synergistics, LLC has [received](#) 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for “bexWISE API version 1.0.” According to a letter from the agency, “bexWISE API is use in blood establishments to facilitate communication between 510(k) cleared Blood Establishment Computer Systems (BECS), allowing the exchange of donor and donation-related data used to determine donor eligibility and donation suitability.” More information is available [here](#).

(Source: FDA [Letter](#), 10/25/24)

The **Alliance for a Stronger FDA** has [announced](#) that Steven Grossman, executive director, is stepping down as of December 31st. In a statement published on the organization’s website, Mr. Grossman explained, “It has been my honor to be part of the Alliance for a Stronger FDA since its founding in April 2006. [A few months ago,] I began talking with the board about my desire to pursue new opportunities that continue my service to FDA and the FDA stakeholder community. Metaphorically, I need to clear my plate so that I have room to take on new professional challenges. [My goal for 2025] is to identify the next big challenge to FDA and see how I can contribute to a successful outcome. I have some initial ideas about what that might be...and I welcome input from the Alliance family.” The Alliance for a Stronger FDA is developing a transition plan.

(Source: Alliance for a Stronger FDA [Announcement](#), 10/18/24)

GigaGen, Inc., a subsidiary of **Grifols**, recently [received](#) clearance from the FDA for the company’s investigational new drug (IND) application for a phase I trial of its investigational polyclonal drug for the treatment of hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. The investigational therapy (GIGA-2239), “consists of more than 1,000 anti-HBV antibodies developed in the laboratory by capturing and then reproducing the natural antibody response from donors who have been vaccinated against HBV. GIGA-2339 is over 2,000 times more potent than plasma-derived HBV drugs and covers the large diversity of circulating HBV variants,” according to a company news release. “The [p]hase I dose escalation clinical trial is designed to assess the safety and tolerability of GIGA-2339 in patients with confirmed HBV infection.”

(Source: GigaGen, Inc. [News Release](#), 7/31/24) 💧

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.)*

2024

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

Nov. 6-7. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC) Meeting (Virtual).** More [information](#) is available [here](#).

Nov. 8. **FDA Webcast: Informed Consent — More than Just Another Document to Sign? (Virtual).** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Nov. 13. **2024 ADRP International Showcase.** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

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Nov. 14. **2024 FDA Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Day Webinar (Virtual)**. [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

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](#).

Dec. 2. **ABC Scientific, Medical, and Technical (SMT) Journal Club Fall Webinar**. More information coming soon.

2025

Mar. 10-12. **ABC Annual Meeting**. Arlington, Va. More information available [here](#).

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

May 14-15. **International Plasma and Fractionation Association (IPFA)/Paul-Ehrlich Institut[e] (PEI) 30th International Workshop on Surveillance and Screening of Blood-borne Pathogens**. Heidelberg, Germany. [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

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

June 25-26. **HHS ODP TBDAIC Community Engagement Meeting (Hybrid)**. Portland, Maine. More information coming soon.

June 30-July 1. **HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) Industry Day 2025 (Hybrid)**. Washington, D.C. More information available [here](#).

Oct. 12-15. **American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) Annual Meeting**. Atlanta, Ga. More information is coming soon.

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

Nov. 17-20. **American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Annual Meeting**. Atlanta, Ga. More information coming soon. 💧

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President and CEO (Fresno, CA). The Central California Blood Center (CCBC) provides blood and services to patients who receive care at over 20 hospitals and their network of facilities in Central California. CCBC has five donor collection centers in Central California and currently employs over 170 team members. It is one of two blood centers in California with a full-service laboratory, including infectious disease testing, donor screening,

component QC testing, and immunohematology reference consultation services. We are exploring moving into the cell therapy space. We are seeking an accomplished and visionary Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to lead our organization within the Blood Bank industry. The ideal

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candidate will be responsible for the overall strategic direction and operation of the company, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence. If you are a strategic thinker with the ability to execute business plans effectively and build operational efficiencies, we encourage you to apply and join us in this transformative journey. We offer a competitive salary, relocation package, and excellent benefits. To view the full job description and apply, please click [here](#). The deadline to apply is **November 13, 2024**.

Associate Director, Member Programs. The Associate Director of Member Programs will play a crucial role in the development and oversight of member programs for America's Blood Centers (ABC) and our international division, ADRP: The Association for Blood Donor Professionals. This key position will provide strategic guidance on emerging trends in association management and the blood community and shape strategies that drive value and promote growth. Working closely with the leadership team, the Associate Director will be at the forefront of decision-making processes to ensure that member programs align with the organizational objectives. The role involves collaborating with stakeholders from both ABC and ADRP to create engaging and impactful member programs that meet the evolving needs of the blood community. The successful candidate will foster innovation and excellence in program development and execution. This position is remote. ABC employs talented individuals whose passion, drive and skills are necessary to fulfill our mission. ABC offers a salary commensurate with experience as well as an excellent benefits package including medical, dental, LTD, and 401k contribution. We are a virtual office that promotes a flexible work environment. Applicants must be able to maintain a safe, separate workspace in which they can complete their work that is free from distraction and live in an area where they can obtain reliable internet service. This is a full-time staff position including benefits and a stipend for internet and telephone services. ABC prohibits discrimination and provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws. Learn more here. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to careers@americasblood.org.

Inventory Coordinator. Have you been looking for purposeful work that contributes to a lifesaving mission? We are currently looking for a full-time Inventory Coordinator to join our team in Johnston, Iowa. This position ensures the highest level of customer satisfaction to our hospitals through our inventory management resources

and expertise. Key responsibilities: Daily reporting of inventory. Daily evaluation of inventory. Anticipates the impact of inventory on external factors such as holidays or weather, and coordinates stakeholders to develop action plans. Communicates with hospital blood bank staff, leaders, and expired product vendors. Schedules and organizes all assigned exporting operations. Negotiates price on ad hoc shipments. Requirements: Bachelor's degree required. Medical Technology (MT), Medical Laboratory Specialist (MLS), or at minimum Medical Lab Technology (MLT) certification required. Four years sales, customer service, or directly-related experience preferred. Experience working with inventory management is preferred. Hospital transfusion service experience is ideal. Interested applicants should visit our [website](#). LifeServe Blood Center is fully committed to equal employment opportunity. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, genetic information, marital status, pregnancy, disability, veteran status, or any other legally protected status.

Donor Recruitment Manager. Blood Assurance is seeking a **Donor Recruitment Manager** to lead field recruitment efforts that build new and existing business in and around our Nashville region. Primary responsibilities include direct leadership of Account Managers in expanding blood drive activity on mobiles primarily, and in facilities as needed, based on growth strategy in a specific type of blood product recruitment and collection. Assist in developing long-term community business partnerships and coordinating internally with all leadership levels to support or expand Blood Assurance recruitment efforts. Work closely with Donor Services leadership to ensure recruitment and collection teams are working together toward meeting overall product collection goals. Qualified applicants will have: Bachelor's degree-preferably in business, marketing, or related field. Seven to 10 years sales experience, preferably in blood banking. Three to 5 years sales staff management. Advanced communication skills. Public presentation and networking skills. Advanced organizational, customer service and teamwork skills. We offer many benefits including: Health/Dental/Vision Insurance, Flexible Spending Account, Employee Assistance Program for you and your family, Paid Time Off, 401K and a Wellness Program. Qualified candidates are encouraged to email a resume to katiemarye@bloodassurance.org. Blood Assurance is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Tobacco Free Environment.

LAN Administrator II. Join Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center's team of heroes as a **LAN Administrator II!** We are seeking a detail-oriented professional responsible for planning and deploying major service upgrades and

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providing enterprise-level support for hardware, software, operating systems, and network infrastructure. In this role, you will oversee Windows Server management, file and print sharing, and network support. You'll also serve as the technical lead for projects, ensuring seamless network infrastructure installation and support for key systems like Exchange, Virtualization, and Active Directory. Additional responsibilities include maintaining system documentation, assisting with Wide Area Network (WAN) management, and providing backup support for MS back-office services and the organizational Help Desk. Ideal candidates will have a bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field and at least five years of experience in enterprise-level server and network support. Proficiency in Windows Active Directory, TCP/IP, and Microsoft Office is essential, and certifications such as MCSE, MCSA, or VCP are highly preferred. This role offers exciting career advancement opportunities, a competitive compensation package, and the chance to make a real difference in a mission-driven organization. If you're a problem-solver with great interpersonal skills and a passion for IT, [apply now!](#)

Regional Consultation Lab Services Tech III. Join our team of heroes! Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is seeking a **Regional Consultation Lab Services Tech III** in Nacogdoches, TX! This unique role combines laboratory services, phlebotomy, and community engagement. You'll prepare special blood components, perform patient testing, and serve as hospital services support. Additionally, you'll participate in blood collection during facility and mobile operations, ensuring a high level of customer service with both hospital staff and donors. Key responsibilities include performing serological testing, interpreting complex antibody identification, and preparing consultation reports. You'll also rotate on-call duties to provide after-hours consultation and support hospital services. In donor collections, you'll handle pre-donation screening, venipuncture, and post-donation care, with all necessary training provided. The ideal candidate will have a certification as an MLT or MLS, with blood bank and immunohematology experience preferred. A valid Texas Driver's License and reliable commute to the Nacogdoches facility are required. This position offers career growth, a competitive compensation and benefits package, and the rewarding opportunity to save lives. If you're precise, astute, and passionate about using your talents to support the community, this is the perfect role for you! Training in donor collections is provided for those without phlebotomy experience. What are you waiting for? [Apply Now!](#)

Business Development Manager. Join Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center's team of heroes as a **Business Development Manager!** We're seeking an energetic self-starter passionate about making a difference through outstanding client service and business growth. In this

role, you'll initiate new client onboarding, prospecting, and account management for our diverse product lines, including biotech/research, laboratory testing, and cellular therapy products and services. You'll be responsible for identifying top prospects, strategizing sales and marketing approaches, and managing CRM processes. This in-office position collaborates with the marketing team which is key to developing engaging materials for B2B and online campaigns. We offer a competitive compensation package, career advancement opportunities, and the chance to work in a dynamic, mission-driven environment that saves lives. Ideal candidates will have a bachelor's degree or five years of related experience. Industry sales experience or a background in life science is preferred. Candidates must have a valid Texas driver's license and reliable transportation. This position also offers mileage reimbursement and free parking near NRG Stadium. If you're adaptable, driven, and passionate about helping others, this role is for you. Join us in embodying our core values of Commitment, Integrity, and Respect while creating life-saving experiences every day. [Apply Now!](#)

Consultation Lab Specialist. Join Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center as a **Consultation Lab Specialist!** This life-saving role performs complex and routine serological investigations and testing, requiring precision, attention to detail, and the ability to work diplomatically with both internal and external customers. You'll be responsible for resolving serological problems, interpreting complex antibody cases, and preparing consultation reports among additional intricate laboratory services. If you take pride in delivering high-quality service and are passionate about making a difference in the community, this is the perfect role for you. We offer a competitive compensation package, career advancement and technical development opportunities. Talent in this department has the chance to work in a dynamic, mission-driven, and patient-first environment. Ideal candidates will have a bachelor's degree in a laboratory science field with an ASCP MT, MLS or SBB certification and recent immunohematology, reference lab experience. Sign-on bonus and relocation packages available. If you're precise, astute, and passionate about using your talents to support the community, this is the perfect role for you! What are you waiting for? [Apply Now!](#)

Consultation & Reference Laboratory Assistant Manager. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is seeking a **Consultation & Reference Laboratory Assistant Manager!** This pivotal role involves overseeing laboratory operations, supervising staff, and ensuring compliance with all policies, procedures, and quality control standards. Reporting to the Consultation & Reference Manager, the Assistant Manager will be instrumental in maintaining effective relations with both internal and external departments and customers. This opportunity is

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perfect for individuals who value precision, enjoy problem-solving, and are dedicated to delivering high-quality service to the community. You will assist with budget management, monitor lab performance, and contribute to the development and revision of department SOPs. Additionally, the role requires regular communication with the Medical Director and participation in internal and external assessments. **Why join us?** You'll enjoy a competitive compensation package, free parking at the Texas Medical Center, and opportunities for career growth—all while contributing to life-saving work. Sign on bonus and relocation opportunities available. **Qualifications** include an SBB Certification (ASCP), 6+ years of recent blood banking experience, 3+ years in an Immunohematology Reference Lab, and at least 2 years of management experience. If you embody integrity, commitment, and respect, we encourage you to [apply now](#) and help make a difference!

Quality Assurance Director. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is seeking an experienced **Quality Assurance Director** to lead and oversee all aspects of Quality Assurance and Compliance. Reporting to the Associate Vice President of Quality Services, this pivotal role ensures that the blood center maintains the highest standards of safety and quality in alignment with FDA regulations, AABB standards, and other key accrediting bodies. As the Quality Assurance Director, you will be responsible for implementing and monitoring quality systems, leading audits, ensuring compliance with international and domestic regulations, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement. This role is ideal for individuals with strong leadership and problem-solving skills, and a deep understanding of quality management principles like Lean and Six Sigma. You will develop quality training programs, oversee incident reports, and serve as the FDA designee for the organization, ensuring that all processes meet regulatory standards. **Qualifications** include a bachelor's degree (Graduate degree preferred) and at least 7 years of progressive management experience in a regulated industry. Preferred certifications include ASCP, ASQ, and Six Sigma Green Belt or better. If you are ready to make a lasting impact in a mission-driven organization, we encourage you to [apply today!](#)

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 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 blood is there when you or your family is in need. Visit our careers page to learn more about this position, and [apply here!](#) 💧