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INSIDE:

HHS & FDA Issue RFI Regarding Unnecessary Regulations

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Food and Drug and Administration (FDA) have announced a , "public request for information (RFI) to identify and eliminate outdated or unnecessary regulations."

According to a news release from the agencies, the initiative is, "part of a broader federal effort to reduce regulatory burdens and increase transparency, in alignment with President Trump's Executive Order 14192 [titled] 'Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation.'"

As a result of the Executive Order, HHS plans to implement:

- "[t]he 10-to-1 rule: for every new regulation introduced, at least ten existing regulations must be eliminated;
- [r]egulatory cost cap: the total cost of all new regulations in fiscal year 2025 must be significantly less than zero;
- [e]xpanded scope: the order applies not only to formal regulations but also to guidance documents, memoranda, policy statements, and similar directives; [and]
- [r]adical transparency: HHS will publish annual reports detailing estimated regulatory costs and the specific rules being offset, promoting greater transparency and accountability."

HHS Secretary Kennedy further explained his commitment in the news release to the '10-to-1' deregulatory policy noting that, "for every new regulation proposed, at least ten existing regulatory actions will be rescinded. The effort is designed to lower the cost of living, remove bureaucratic barriers, and allow health care providers to devote more time and resources to patient care."

A 60-day comment period opened on May 13th. America's Blood Centers (ABC) is working in consultation with the ABC Board of Directors and the Policy Council regarding the RFI and will provide updates on our advocacy efforts as they become available.

Please contact ABC's Vice President of Government Affairs Diane Calamus, JD with questions or input.

(Source: HHS and FDA RFI, 5/13/25) ♦

New CBER Director Named

Vinay Prasad, MD, MPH has been named director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER). He succeeds Peter Mark, MD, PhD who departed the agency in April 2025. According to FDA announcement, Dr. Prasad will, "supervise the FDA's work regulating biological products for human use under applicable federal laws." He previously served as a, "professor at The University of California at San Francisco in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics [and] a professor of Medicine in the Division of Medical Oncology and the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University. His specialty is hematology and oncology. Before entering academia, Dr. Prasad had a Fellowship in Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute and prior to that he was a Fellow in Oncology at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Prasad graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Philosophy. He received his medical degree from the University of Chicago Division of Biological Sciences Pritzker School of Medicine, with an Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Northwestern University, and a Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health."

(Source: FDA Announcement, 5/9/24)

ABC Joins BCAR Think-Tank Consortium

America's Blood Centers (ABC) has joined the Blood & Cells Advocacy Roster (BCAR), "to champion community blood centers' vital role in making advanced therapies that enhance patient care." BCAR is an industry collaboration between blood and tissue collection networks, related technology providers, biotherapy communities, and other stakeholders that communicates the importance of blood and increasing patient access to life-saving blood and advanced therapies. BCAR was established in 2024 as an international, collaborative body uniquely positioned to drive the narrative on the importance of the established blood industry, and in particular, its capabilities to help improve patient access to often-curative, one-dose advanced therapies. "Blood products are not just lifesaving in their own right; they are the foundation on which many of today's most groundbreaking advanced therapies are built," said ABC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kate Fry, MBA, CAE in an ABC News Release. "Community blood centers are helping lead the way in this new era of innovation by providing the raw materials necessary to find the next big medical breakthrough. ABC is proud to join BCAR to help underscore the work of community blood centers and blood products in helping develop life-saving medicines for patients in need."

(Source: ABC News Release, 5/7/25)

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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

President Trump has nominated Casey Means, MD to be the U.S. Surgeon General. The nomination comes in the wake of the withdrawal of the nomination of Janette Nesheiwat, MD. President Trump explained in a post of *Truth Social* that, "Dr. Casey Means has the potential to be one of the finest Surgeon Generals in United States History. Congratulations to Casey! HHS Secretary Kennedy looks forward to working with Dr. Janette Nesheiwat in another capacity at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services." Dr. Means received her, undergraduate and medical degrees from Stanford University, has held research positions at the National Institutes of Health, New York University and Oregon Health & Science University," according to a report from *NBC News*.

(Source: *NBC News*, "Trump abruptly pulls surgeon general nominee and names new pick with ties to RFK Jr., 5/7/25)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced the "completion of a new generative artificial intelligence (AI) pilot for scientific reviewers." According to an agency news release, "[t]he generative AI tools allow FDA scientists and subject-matter experts to spend less time on tedious, repetitive tasks that often slow down the review process. To reflect the urgency of this effort, FDA Commissioner Makary has directed all FDA centers to begin deployment immediately, with the goal of full integration by the end of June. Work will continue to expand use cases, improve functionality, and adapt to the evolving needs of each center after June 30th. By that date, all centers will be operating on a common, secure generative AI system integrated with FDA's internal data platforms." Additionally, the FDA plans to, "expand generative AI capabilities — across all centers using a secure, unified platform. Future enhancements will focus on improving usability, expanding document integration, and tailoring outputs to center-specific needs, while maintaining strict information security and compliance with FDA policy. The agency-wide rollout is being coordinated by Jeremy Walsh, the FDA's newly appointed Chief AI Officer and Sridhar Mantha, MBA. Mr. Walsh previously led enterprise-scale technology deployments across federal health and intelligence agencies and Mr. Mantha recently led the Office of Business Informatics in CDER. The agency will continue to assess performance, gather user feedback, and refine features to support the evolving needs of FDA staff and advance its public health mission. Additional details and updates on the initiative will be shared publicly in June."

(Source: FDA News Release, 5/8/24)

FDA and CDC published a safety communication on May 9th that recommends, "a pause in the use of Ixchiq (Chikungunya Vaccine, Live) in individuals 60 years of age and older while the agencies investigate postmarketing reports of serious adverse events, including neurologic and cardiac events, in individuals who have received the vaccine." The agencies noted in the communication that, "[a]s of May 7th, 17 serious adverse events, including two that resulted in death, have been reported in individuals 62 through 89 years of age who received Ixchiq during postmarketing use globally. Six of these reports have been from the United States (U.S.). Most U.S. and foreign serious adverse events that have been reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), co-managed by FDA and CDC, have been in individuals with underlying chronic medical conditions. Adverse events reported to VAERS may not be causally related to vaccination. Approximately 80,000 doses of Ixchiq have been distributed globally." The FDA is expected to, "conduct an updated benefit-risk assessment for the use of Ixchiq in individuals 60 years of age and older. In addition, FDA and CDC will continue the evaluation of postmarketing safety reports for Ixchiq. While the safety of Ixchiq for use in individuals 60 years of age and older is being further assessed, FDA and CDC are recommending a pause in use of the vaccine in this age group. FDA and CDC will update the public when the Agencies complete their evaluation of this safety issue."

(Source: FDA and CDC Safety Communication, 5/9/25)

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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.

Register for the ABC Advocacy Summit

Registration is open for America's Blood Centers (ABC) Advocacy Summit. This event will take place in Washington, D.C. at the Hamilton Hotel June 10th-11th. The full agenda is available and don't miss this opportunity to let your voice be heard as this event connects the blood community with national leaders in public policy and advocacy including meetings with members of Congress and their staff. Join us for a full day of advocacy training and group preparations for meetings with congressional offices on June 10th before heading to Capitol Hill on June 11th for group meetings with members of Congress and their staff. ABC will coordinate and schedule meetings on behalf of all attendees and conclude the day with a reception for all attendees. The training will feature insights from former members of Congress, seasoned lobbyists, and public policy staff from partner organizations, and ABC's government affairs team. Please contact us with questions.

Register for the June ADRP Webinar: "From Partnership to Purpose: Strengthening Hospital Relationships"

Registration is open for the Wednesday, June 25th ADRP Webinar: "From Partnership to Purpose: Strengthening Hospital Relationships." This event aims to, "help blood centers deepen their hospital partnerships and elevate the donor-to-patient journey." Hear speakers share programs and strategies to deliver value-added services that keep hospital clients engaged and loyal, while gaining practical ideas for successfully onboarding new hospital partners and ensuring long-term collaboration using ADRP's newest Hospital Partnership Idea Book. Whether you're strengthening existing connections or forging new ones, this session is packed with actionable takeaways to help.

Register for the ABC Advocacy Forum

Register for the May 28th ABC Advocacy Forum. This event will take place at 2:00 p.m. EDT and will prepare you for Blood Advocacy Week 2025, which will take place from June 9th-13th. Attendees will be briefed on ABC's key advocacy priorities and hear ways your organization can get involved. Including the following topics:

- Bringing Lifesaving Blood to Ambulances;
- Strengthening the Cyber Resilience of the Blood Community;
- Cut Red Tape to Support the Safety & Availability of the Blood Supply.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE UPDATES

Chikungunya

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Travel Health Notice for several countries in the Indian Ocean region regarding chikungunya virus. According to the agency:

- "[t]here are outbreaks of chikungunya in Mauritius, Mayotte, Réunion, Somalia, and Sri Lanka;
- [m]osquitoes spread the virus that causes chikungunya;
- [individuals] can protect [themselves] by preventing mosquito bites, which includes using insect repellent; wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants; and staying in places with air conditioning or that have screens on the windows and doors; [and]
- [v]accination is recommended for travelers who are visiting an area with a chikungunya outbreak. Two chikungunya vaccines are approved for use in the United States."

Transfusion-transmission of chikungunya has not been documented and any risk to the blood supply is believed to be theoretical.

(Source: CDC Notice, 5/12/25)

Measles

The CDC has published an update regarding measles outbreaks. As of the May 15th, there have been 14 measles outbreaks (defined as three or more related cases) in the U.S. this year resulting in 1,024 confirmed cases, 128 hospitalizations (12.5 percent) and three confirmed deaths, the first in the U.S. since 2015. According to the agency the cases have been reported by 31 jurisdictions: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington with 92 percent of cases (947 of 1,024) being outbreak-associated. In 2024, the U.S. reported 285 total cases. Transfusion-transmission of measles has never been demonstrated, and any risk to the blood supply is believed to be theoretical.

(Sources: CDC Update, 5/16/25)

MEMBER NEWS

Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) is partnering with Georgetown/Scott County Emergency Medical Services, Jessamine County Emergency Medical Services, Lexington Fire and Emergency Services, and Madison County Emergency Medical Services on prehospital blood program. A KBC announcement stated that, "[b]eginning June 1st, the four emergency medical services (EMS) groups will begin carrying lifesaving whole blood to ensure a rapid response to life-threatening medical conditions en route to the hospital." KBC Medical Director Dennis Williams, MD added in the announcement, "[a]s the sole provider of blood to hospitals in Fayette, Jessamine, Madison and Scott counties, Kentucky Blood Center takes its responsibility to provide lifesaving blood products very seriously. Partnering with these local EMS groups to enhance patient outcomes is a win-win for everyone." Andrew Bernard, MD, FACS stated in the announcement, "[p]re-hospital blood transfusions have been shown to improve patient survival rates. This partnership will enable our emergency service providers with the ability to enhance lifesaving measures prior to hospital arrival from outlying counties, enhancing their odds of recovery."

(Source: KBC Announcement, 5/7/25)

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Illinois House of Representatives member Maurice West recently donated at **Rock River Valley Blood Center** and discussed a proposed bill that would provide a $250 tax credit to, "people who make four or more qualified blood donations per year [and the] credit also applies to blood platelets at nonprofit donation centers," according to the *Rock River Current*. "We are facing a public health crisis that is entirely preventable," said Rep. West to the news organization. "He recently hit the milestone of [becoming a gallon donor]. 'Blood donations save lives every single day, and yet only a small fraction of those eligible are donating. House Bill 1179 is a way to not only recognize those who already give but to encourage more people to become regular donors. Together, we can build a culture of giving that supports our hospitals, our families, and our future,'" said Rep. West to the publication. Lisa Entrikin, chief executive officer (CEO) of Rock River Valley Blood Center, told the *Rock River Current*, "[n]othing like this has ever been passed, so the fact that he is bringing this to Illinois and trying to get this passed we cannot thank him enough. His leadership on this issue brings much-needed visibility to a crisis that impacts hospitals and patients across our region every day. We are grateful for his commitment to solutions that will not only increase donations but ultimately save lives."

(Source: *Rock River Current*, "Donating blood could give you a break on taxes under Rockford lawmaker's new bill, 5/12/25)

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of a new donor center in Tampa, Fla. The ceremony included representatives from local hospitals, the local Chamber of Commerce, community leaders, blood donors, and LifeSouth board and team members. "We are excited to welcome Tampa blood donors to our new location and continue our commitment to serve the community and patients at Moffitt Cancer Center," said LifeSouth President and CEO and America's Blood Centers President Kim Kinsell, JD, MBA. "We value our partnership with Moffitt and will remain working together to help save lives."

(Source: LifeSouth Community Blood Centers Announcement, 5/13/25)

RESEARCH IN BRIEF

Donating Blood in a Team. A study published in *Transfusion*, "offers a novel investigation of the interrelationships among social factors within the context of a blood donation team and how these relationships may be moderated by donation experience (i.e., novice vs. experienced donors)." The authors of the paper explained that, "[p]articipants (n=646) were predominantly female (n=382; 59.13 percent), aged 18–74 years (M= 49.35; SD= 12.54), and all registered to a [blood center team] as members (96.75 percent, n=625) or champions (3.25 percent, n=21). Most were experienced (n=549; 84.98%; >6 donations) rather than novice donors (n=97; 15.02 percent; 1 to 5 donations)." The researchers explained that the, "[p]articipants were recruited to complete a 20-minute survey [and] responses were linked to demographic (e.g., age and gender), donation history (e.g., donation count), and team-level (e.g., time in team) characteristics…Connectedness [used a] three-item scale assessing donor relatedness on an individual level…Identity and connectedness used five-point Likert scale…Satisfaction and advocacy were measured on 11-point Likert scales." The authors noted that, "[t]he three most frequently selected perceived benefits were 'encouraging others to donate' (n=280; 43.3 percent), 'it's good to do something important with others' (n=199;

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30.8 percent), and 'raising awareness through team activity' (n=125; 19.3 percent)…Respondents moderately identified with their team (M=3.25, SD=1.13), were on average moderately satisfied with their team experience (M=6.17, SD=2.31), and were somewhat likely to recommend their friends and family join a team (M=6.61, SD=2.68). Overall, responses were around midpoint on all measures, indicating a need for improvement in team donation experiences overall." The paper also found that, "[e]xperienced donors identified more as a blood donor (M=4.32, SD=0.80) than novice donors (M= 4.05, SD= 0.76). Conversely, novice donors were more satisfied with their team experience (M=6.66, SD=2.48) and more strongly identified with their team (M= 3.47, SD=1.26) than experienced donors (satisfaction: M=6.08, SD=2.27; identity: M=3.21, SD=1.10)." The authors concluded that, "[t]his study highlights the importance of targeting social (e.g., connectedness) and experiential factors (e.g., perceived benefits) to increase team satisfaction…A more satisfying team experience and greater team connectedness lead to a stronger team identity and increased advocacy for team donations. By promoting the team benefits, building team connection, and increasing team satisfaction, donors' team identity is strengthened, encouraging them to advocate for others to join a team."

Citation: Baker, K.S., Chell, K., Masser, B.M., Welvaert, M. "Donating blood in a team: Investigating social factors as predictors and outcomes of a positive team experience." *Transfusion*. 2025.

Contributed by Richard Gammon, MD

GLOBAL NEWS

The European Blood Alliance (EBA) has issued a new position statement on voluntary unpaid donation (VUD) that stresses its, "profound importance to the quality and safety of blood, the safety and well-being of donors and patients, and the sustainability of the collection and supply system for all blood components." The statement highlights the potential impact of incentives on patients, donors, and on blood banking. EBA's position explains that the, "Substances of Human Origin (SoHO) Regulation allows donors to receive financial and non-financial compensation to reimburse incurred expenses or make good of any losses related to a donation, including fixed-rate allowances. Financial neutrality of fixed-rate allowances is difficult to obtain and can have several unintended consequences including the encouragement of cross-border donations for financial reasons. Consequently, the EBA advises against implementing fixed-rate allowances as compensation for blood and donations. In the Member States where fixed-rate allowances exist and are retained, strict conditions and a robust evaluation framework must be applied to minimi[z]e their impact on patients, donors, and the supply of all blood components."

(Source: EBA Statement, 5/13/25)

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), the national blood provider for England and transplant services for the UK, recently announced that its, "Bristol Cent[er] has been used as a blueprint for the rollout [of] ultrasound guided canulation, the use of] an ultrasound machine to find a vein which cannot normally be found." A NHSBT news release stated that during [the] ultrasound guided canulation process, "[t]he nurse is [able] to see the cannula being placed into the vein in real-time, avoiding the need for multiple attempts at canulation and reducing discomfort for patients…[During] an eight-month period, ultrasound guided canulation was used 177 times for 57 different patients or donors within the Bristol [center]. All of the canulations were successful and 96 central lines were avoided, saving the NHS approximately £43,000. This success inspired the rollout of an ultrasound guided canulation training

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progra[m] across eight other [sites] across the country. It is thought over 200 central lines have been avoided since the training began in May 2023."

(Source: NHSBT News Release, 5/14/25)

Canadian Blood Services (CBS) is set to embark on the organization's "most ambitious recruitment goal ever — adding one million new donors in the next five years." To help achieve that goal by motivating a new generation of donors, CBS is, "unveiling a new brand platform which asks the question, '*Who's Saving Who?*' Every day, patients across Canada are saved thanks to the generous acts of donors. But donor research and insights have also highlighted that donors get something back too — a sense of achievement, purpose, and profound connection to others," explained the CBS announcement. "The launch video, "I Am Here To Save You," powerfully sets the platform's tone through the voices of patients that highlight the impact of giving."

(Source: CBS News Release, 5/8/25)

COMPANY NEWS

Blood Bank Computer Systems, Inc. (BBCS) has announced the launch of a new scheduling platform called Forcyte™. A company news release explained that the new system is, "[designed to] seamlessly alongside BBCS' flagship biologics platform, ForLife®, [deliver] end-to-end functionality for donor scheduling, campaign outreach, team coordination, and real-time analytics — all within one unified platform. The system empowers organizations to move beyond outdated processes by modernizing how donor programs are managed from recruitment to retention." The platform includes a, "fully integrated communications suite, intuitive calendar controls, and real-time data visibility, [giving] staff and donors alike a more connected, efficient, and meaningful experience."

(Source: BBCS News Release, 5/6/25)

Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies (Terumo BCT) has announced that the latest edition of its quarterly newsletter, *Access Point BCP* Volume 3, is now available. The publication is designed to be a resource for individuals who work in blood collection or processing to support their day-to-day work. You can read the latest issue and explore an archive of past editions. Subscribe here for more information.

(Source: Terumo BCT Announcement, 5/12/25)

The **American Hospital Association (AHA)** published a statement to the Senate Committee on Finance highlighting, "the importance of trade in critical supply chains." AHA explained in the statement that, "it is necessary to strengthen the domestic supply chain for essential pharmaceutical and other medical products and recognizes the value of reducing reliance on international sources. We are also aware that achieving this goal will require significant time due to the logistical complexity and resources involved in reorienting medical and pharmaceutical supply chains." The statement also noted that, "[m]aintaining and improving pharmaceutical and medical device supply chains is essential to preserving patient access to care, reducing health care costs, and protecting America's interests. While AHA recognizes the many challenges associated with the medical supply chain, we are committed to identifying workable solutions that protect America's interests and shore up the supply chain while avoiding access disruption and increased costs." AHA concluded by expressing that, "[s]trengthening supply chains for essential pharmaceutical and other medical products is necessary, and AHA recognizes the value of reducing reliance on international sources. Achieving this goal will require significant time and resources, given the complexity of medical and pharmaceutical supply chains, and the importance of supply chain diversity in addition to the reshoring goal,

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should not be underestimated. AHA appreciates the committee's invitation to comment on this topic and looks forward to further collaboration in the future."

(Source: AHA Statement, 5/14/25)

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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May 20-21. **International Plasma Protein Congress. Warsaw, Poland.** Registration is open.

June 1-4. **International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) 35th Regional Congress. Milan, Italy.** Registration is open. More information available here.

June 10-11. **America's Blood Centers (ABC) Advocacy Summit. Washington, D.C.** Registration is open. More information is available here.

June 25. **ADRP Webinar: From Partnership to Purpose: Strengthening Hospital Relationships.** Registration is open. More information available here.

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

Sept. 10-12. **6th European Conference on Donor Health and Management (ECDHM). Wijk aan Zee, the Netherlands.** Registration is open. More information available here.

Sept. 24-25. **2025 ADRP Master Class: "Building Brighter Experiences: Empowering Customers, Engaging Employees (Virtual).** More information is coming soon.

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

Oct. 14-15. **International Protein Forum. Old Town Alexandria, Va.** Registration opens in July.

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

Oct. 26-29. **Blood 2025 and the ISBT 36th Regional Congress. Perth, Australia.** More information available here.

Nov. 12. **2025 ADRP International Showcase.** More information coming soon.

Nov. 13-14. **2025 ABC Women's Executive Leadership Community (WELC) *Rise & Lead Workshop*.** More information coming soon.

Nov. 17-20. **American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Ga.** Registration is open. More information available here.

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Mar. 9-12. **2026 ABC Annual Meeting. Tucson, Ariz.** More information coming soon.

May 12-14. **2026 ADRP Annual Conference. Minneapolis, Minn.** More information 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

Vice President, Quality and Regulatory Affairs. The Vice President, Quality and Regulatory Affairs leads enterprise-wide quality, compliance, and regulatory initiatives in support of NYBCe's GxP Business Units, including Blood and HCT/P manufacture, analytical laboratories, specialty pharmacy, therapeutics, and medical programs. Reporting to the SVP of Quality and Regulatory Affairs, the VP provides focused oversight of quality systems to ensure compliance with regulatory and corporate requirements. She/he oversees quality-related interactions with clients, including customer audits and the development of quality agreements. The VP establishes a regulatory strategy for product development projects, advises NYBCe leadership on regulatory issues, prepares regulatory submissions, and represents NYBCe to regulatory and accrediting agencies. The VP applies strong leadership skills to motivate, coach, develop, and retain high-performing Quality staff, and fosters a quality-oriented culture throughout the organization. Responsibilities: Lead improvement projects dealing with broad or complex issues, or with strategic impact. Participate in preparation of CMC submissions. **Locations:** Candidates must be able to report into one of the following NYBCe locations: Rye, New York; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Paul, Minnesota; Providence, Rhode Island, and Newark, Delaware. For applicants who will perform this position in New York City or Westchester County, the proposed annual salary is $270,000.00p/yr. to $280,000.00p/yr. Click here to apply.

Donor Recruitment Manager. Blood Assurance is seeking an individual 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: a bachelor's degree, preferably in business, marketing, or related field. Previous blood banking experience required. 7-10 years sales experience, preferably in blood banking. 3-5 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 Wellness Program. Qualified candidates are encouraged to email a resume to garryallison@bloodassurance.org. Blood Assurance is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Tobacco Free Environment.

Medical Laboratory Scientist. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is looking for experienced Medical Laboratory Scientists, with a passion for making a difference. Current openings: Gainesville, Florida (Overnight), Birmingham, Alabama (Multiple shifts available; weekend coverage required) and Atlanta, Georgia (Multiple shifts available; rotating weekends required). Legal authorization to work in the United States is required. We do not provide visa sponsorship for this position. Shift differential applies to eligible evening and overnight hours; sign-on and relocation bonuses may also be offered to qualified candidates. Our Medical Laboratory Scientists work in a full-service, accredited immunohematology laboratory following established policies and procedures to resolve complex immunohematology and compatibility problems to provide the safest donor blood for patients in our community. Join us in our mission to make sure blood is available when it's needed most. Visit our careers page to learn more about this position and apply today!

Laboratory Supervisor (Evenings). LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is looking for an experienced **Laboratory Supervisor** with a passion for making a difference to lead our evening shift Immunohematology Reference Laboratory team, in Gainesville, FL. Shift differential applies to eligible evening and overnight hours; sign-on and relocation bonuses may also be offered to qualified candidates. Legal authorization to work in the United States is required. We do not provide visa sponsorship for this position. In this role, you'll oversee daily operations, ensure adherence to established policies and procedures, and support staff in resolving complex testing and compatibility challenges. You'll play a critical part in identifying and addressing issues that may impact test performance or result reporting, while mentoring and guiding team members to uphold the highest standards of quality and safety. Your leadership will help ensure the delivery of the safest donor blood for patients in our community. We are committed to excellence in customer service and patient care. Join us in our mission to make sure blood is available when it's needed most. Visit our

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Medical & Laboratory Director. At Vitalant, we're on a mission to save lives and improve health—and we're looking for a **Medical & Laboratory Director** who shares that passion. Based in **Las Vegas, NV** (other U.S. locations may be considered with additional travel), this role provides medical oversight for donors, patients, staff, and healthcare partners in the region. You'll support core operations like component manufacturing, lab testing, donor counseling, and product management, while also overseeing transfusion support, therapeutic apheresis, and cellular therapy collections. This role includes medical and laboratory direction of centralized transfusion services, cellular therapies, and Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (IRL) services. You'll work closely with Corporate and Division teams to advance Vitalant's mission **to unite blood and biologics donors, talent, and innovation to save and improve lives. As a Medical & Laboratory Director, you'll get to:** Guide quality, regulatory, and operational initiatives. Provide medical direction and serve as a CLIA, FACT, or ASHI-defined lab director. Drive policy improvements and technology adoption. Offer medical consults and promote services to hospitals and physicians. Support leadership and field teams. Represent Vitalant in professional forums and inspections. Build strong partnerships to support compliance, service excellence, and growth. Interested applicants can apply on the Vitalant careers site: https://prd01-hcm01.prd.mykronos.com/ta/6006708.careers?ShowJob=2063867915

Vice President, Blood Service Division Quality Services. At Vitalant, we're on a mission to save lives and improve health—and quality is at the core of everything we do. We're seeking a **Vice President, Blood Service Division Quality Services** in Scottsdale, AZ to lead our Blood Services Division with strategic vision, regulatory expertise, and a passion for continuous improvement. In this key leadership role, you'll help ensure our systems deliver safe, compliant, and reliable blood products to those who need them most. You'll guide both national and field quality teams, build cross-functional partnerships, and foster a culture rooted in our RITE values—**Respect, Integrity, Teamwork, and Excellence. As VP, Blood Services Quality Services, you'll get to:** Lead regulatory compliance, quality system design, and inspection readiness. Oversee regulatory reporting, deviation management, and resolution of nonconforming products. Guide SOP development to ensure efficiency, scalability, and adherence to standards. Analyze quality metrics, lead root cause investigations, and drive corrective actions. Support field teams with performance improvement and operational excellence. Represent Vitalant in audits, industry forums, and professional networks. Manage departmental budgets and support strategic initiatives. If you're ready to make a measurable impact on public health through quality leadership, we invite you to join us. Interested applicants can apply on the Vitalant careers site: https://prd01-hcm01.prd.mykronos.com/ta/6006708.careers?ShowJob=2047141031

Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS). Join The Northern California Community Blood Bank, where we are dedicated to the health and well-being of our community. We are a value-driven organization committed to stability, balance, and building vibrant community relationships. We offer a low-stress environment and excellent work-life balance. This is a full-time position. Health, dental, vision, life insurance, and retirement plan offered. Generous PTO offering. Starting wage range is $50 - $55/hr. Hiring and Relocation Bonus potential. Responsibilities include blood processing and testing, immunohematological testing, training, validation, and procedure implementation. This position requires on-call duties. The right candidate is quality focused with communication skills and attention to detail. This person will enjoy a collaborative and busy environment with opportunities for projects and quality improvement. **Click HERE for the full job description and to apply.**

Director, Quality Assurance/Regulatory Affairs. Hoxworth Blood Center (HBC) was founded in 1938 and serves more than 30 hospitals in 18 counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Annually, HBC collects more than 100,000 units of blood from local donors to help save the lives of patients in area hospitals. HBC is located within the University of Cincinnati (UC), College of Medicine, and is seeking a full-time Director, to oversee and direct the coordination of quality assurance and regulatory compliance for the collection, manufacture, storage and distribution of licensed and unlicensed blood and blood components, and for the testing of donor and patient samples. **Essential Functions:** Direct the coordination of regulatory compliance with the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), e.g., review of changes to regulations & guidance documents, submission of biological product deviation reports & response to observations/findings from FDA inspections. Support the Division Director in the preparation of license applications, annual report of minor changes & correspondence with the FDA. Manage the quality programs for maintaining applicable licensure and accreditation, e.g., internal and external audits, supplier qualifications, change control, deviation management, document control and record retention. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree and seven (7) years' experience. **Click HERE for the full job description and apply.** EOE