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Blood Advocacy Week 2026 Begins June 8th

America's Blood Centers (ABC) will partner with more than 100 organizations during Blood Advocacy Week 2026. Set to take place next week beginning June 8th, ABC and blood community advocates will unite to urge Congress to take decisive action in supporting the blood supply as a national priority. Blood Advocacy Week 2026 will include a national news release and joint letter to Congress on June 8th. The letter will encourage members of Congress to:

- support prehospital blood transfusion access for military beneficiaries through report language in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) directing the Department of Defense to update TRICARE payment policy to remove financial barriers, enabling broader adoption of prehospital blood transfusions;
- strengthen the cybersecurity protections for the blood community by supporting robust funding for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and ensuring blood centers are explicitly included in federal efforts to strengthen healthcare information technology infrastructure against malicious actors; and
- modernize blood banking regulations to improve patient access by streamlining licensure for new donation sites, modernizing testing requirements to reflect current testing technology, maximizing platelet donation availability for patient care, and increasing flexibility in plasma regulation.

The ABC Advocacy Summit will also take place June 8th-9th as a part of Blood Advocacy Week with participating ABC members receiving advocacy training and on June 8th before heading to Capitol Hill on June 9th for group meetings with members of Congress and their staff, advancing ABC's advocacy priorities.

For individuals and partners unable to join us in Washington, D.C. next week, you can still make a difference and let your voice be heard by writing your members of Congress directly from ABC's Blood Advocacy Week website using customizable templates and messaging. We urge all members, partners, and advocates to help amplify our advocacy efforts by promoting and sharing the resources in the Blood Advocacy Week Social Media Toolkit. Every action you take counts in shaping the future of blood donation.

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Blood Advocacy Week 2026 will conclude on June 14th with World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) as we join the annual global celebration raising awareness of the ongoing need for blood. Thank you for your support during Blood Advocacy Week 2026. Please contact us with any questions.

ABC & ADRP *Pulse of Leadership*: A New Workforce Development & Leadership Newsletter Launching Soon



America's Blood Centers and ADRP: The Association for Blood Donor Professionals in partnership with SmartBrief are launching a new workforce development and leadership newsletter on June 4th. The weekly complimentary newsletter, titled *Pulse of Leadership*, is available to all individuals. In alignment with ABC's strategic priority to equip member organizations with best practices, data, digital tools, and resources surrounding workforce development, this publication will cover topics including:

- professional development;
- leadership;
- nonprofit management;
- trends in healthcare; and
- soft skills.

Whether you are an executive, director, or manager, the *Pulse of Leadership* is a curated, quick read, designed for you. We encourage you to sign up today for insights, trends, and updates affecting leadership and workforce in the blood community. Please contact us with any questions.

WHO Releases WBDD 2026 Theme

The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced the theme for World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) 2026 (June 14th): "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives." An announcement from the organization included resources in multiple languages and noted that, the theme, "places humanity at the heart of every blood donation, suggesting that each act carries compassion, solidarity, and care for others. Inspired by the idea that the whole of humanity can be reflected in a single drop, it elevates blood donation beyond a medical act to a deeply human gesture—highlighting how every donation helps form a lifeline that protects us all." The objectives of this year's campaign are:

- "drive sustained growth in regular, voluntary unpaid blood donation worldwide, supporting equitable access to safe blood and resilient health systems;
- raise awareness of the critical need for blood and plasma donations and their lifesaving impact, while inspiring a new generation of donors;
- highlight the vital contribution of blood donors to health and well-being, and promote the values of solidarity, humanity, and collective responsibility;
- mobilize governments and development partners to invest in and sustain national blood program[s], with a view to achieving universal access to safe blood transfusion.

(Source: WHO Announcement, 6/1/26)



WORD IN WASHINGTON

America's Blood Centers (ABC) recently sent a letter to Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) and Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-Calif.), who introduced S.4118 and H.R.7966, *the Hospice Care Accountability, Reform, and Enforcement (Hospice CARE) Act of 2026*, expressing support for the proposed legislation. The Hospice Care Act would, "allow for separate reimbursement outside of the hospice bundled rate to better reflect the cost of blood transfusions in a hospice setting. By addressing this payment barrier, the bill would expand the availability of blood transfusions within the Medicare hospice benefit and enable patients and their families who rely on blood transfusions to fully access hospice services without sacrificing quality of life." ABC thanked the congressional members for their leadership in introducing this important legislation that acknowledges the critical role of transfusion services in maintaining the well-being and quality of life for hospice patients and is a priority of the 2026 ABC Advocacy Agenda. We will continue to provide updates on this legislation and our advocacy efforts as they become available. Please contact us with any questions.

(Source: ABC Support Letter, 5/7/26)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released a draft guidance titled "Leveraging Prior Knowledge in the Development of Human Gene Therapy Products Incorporating Genome Editing." According to the agency, the guidance, when finalized, is designed to," outline how sponsors can use publicly available information and established platform knowledge, including chemistry, manufacturing and controls (CMC) data, nonclinical study results and clinical information, to streamline regulatory submissions for human gene therapy products that use genome editing in human somatic cells." The guidance document supports, "the development of a wide range of cell and gene therapy products, including those that use genome editing, and is part of a broader set of complementary FDA actions in this area."

(Source: FDA Draft Guidance, 6/1/26)

BRIEFLY NOTED

A supplement to the journal *Transfusion* has been published titled, "The THOR (Trauma Hemostasis & Oxygenation Research) Network 2026 Remote Damage Control Resuscitation Supplement." It features several research papers, reviews, and commentaries regarding prehospital blood transfusions. These resources are open and free access as, "[p]ublication of [the]supplement is made possible by support provided by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command—Combat Casualty Care Research Program."

(Source: *Transfusion* THOR Network Supplement, 5/19/26)

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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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The Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion (BEST) Collaborative has issued a call for applications for the Scott Murphy Memorial Lecture, which was, "established in 2007 by the BEST Collaborative in recognition of the tremendous contribution of the late Dr. Scott Murphy, a past chair of the BEST Collaborative, [in] the field of transfusion medicine and to the science of platelet storage." The organization is, "encouraging junior faculty involved in the broadly understood field of transfusion medicine to apply for this unique award. The recipient of the next award will be invited to present during the BEST Meeting (BEST LXXII) in Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 14th-15th. and to network with [the organization's members.]" A listing of previous winners is available. Applications with a letter of interest and C.V. can be submitted online. The submission deadline is Friday, July 31st, and the decision will be announced by the end of August 2026. The award[ee] will be invited to attend the entire BEST Meeting [and will be provided] a $500 honorarium and [a stipend] up to $1,000 toward travel expenses [by BEST to the meeting.]"

The BEST Collaborative has also announced that the call for scientific membership applications is open. According to the announcement, the organization renews its Board of Directors and scientific membership every four years. "The BEST Collaborative is now, looking for new talent to bring continued scientific vigor and fresh ideas to our team. Members are expected to actively participate in BEST studies, contribute innovative research ideas, and attend our interactive twice-yearly meetings, which alternate between North America in the autumn and Europe in the spring. To support these responsibilities, members will receive a stipend to help offset travel expenses." The application deadline is Friday, July 31st and decisions will be announced in September 2026." The four core teams are: "Cellular Therapy (*Current Team Leads: Dave McKenna, MD; David Stroncek, MD*); Clinical Studies/Transfusion Safety (Current Team Leads: Simon Stanworth, MA, PhD; Meghan Delaney, DO); Conventional Components (*Current Team Leads: Jason Acker, MBA, PhD; Denese Marks, PhD*); [and] Donor Studies (*Current Team Leads: Marc Germain, MD, PhD; Ralph Vassallo, MD*)

(Sources: BEST Collaborative Lectureship Announcement, 5/28/26; Scientific Membership Application Announcement, 5/28/26) ♦

INFECTIOUS DISEASES UPDATE

EBOLA

On May 29th, the World Health Organization (WHO) updated the status of the Ebola disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). As of that date, "a total of 134 confirmed cases, including nine in Uganda, with 18 deaths among the confirmed cases, have been reported across both countries. This is an additional 49 confirmed cases, eight confirmed deaths, 160 suspected cases and 47 suspected deaths since the last update on May 21st. In addition, there is one confirmed case, an individual from the United States of America, who had treated patients in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and is currently receiving care in Germany. Last month, the WHO declared the Ebola disease outbreak in the DRC and Uganda caused by Bundibugyo virus a, "public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), but [noted that it] does not meet the criteria of pandemic emergency, as defined in the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR)." The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published an update on June 1st update stating that the U.S. "is responding to an outbreak of Ebola disease in remote areas of the (DRC and Uganda.) To date, no cases of Ebola disease have been confirmed in the United States because of this outbreak. The overall risk to the American public and travelers remains low." On May 18th, the CDC announced that it had, "enhanced travel screening, entry restrictions, and public health measures to prevent Ebola virus disease from entering the United States amid ongoing outbreaks in East and Central Africa." The CDC has not classified the affected region as having "widespread transmission of Ebola virus,"

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which would trigger donor interventions in the U.S. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance requires that, "in the event that one or more countries is classified by CDC as having widespread transmission of Ebola virus, your donor history questionnaire (DHQ), including your full-length and abbreviated DHQ, and accompanying materials, must incorporate elements to assess prospective donors for symptoms of recent or current illness with Ebola virus infection or disease, and travel to, or residence in, an area endemic for Ebola virus in accordance with 21 CFR 630.10(e)(2)."

(Source: WHO Update, 5/22/26; CDC Update, 5/19/26)

CHAGAS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Parasitic Diseases Branch has published a letter in *Emerging Infectious Diseases* in response to a September 2025 perspective titled "Chagas Disease, an Endemic Disease in the United States." The authors of the letter explained that, "[although the perspective] provides supportive information for classifying this pathogen as endemic to the United States, we would like to highlight that human disease caused locally by the pathogen is sporadic, not endemic. Fewer than 100 locally acquired, vector-borne human *T. cruzi* infections in the country have been documented. Other documented routes of infection include vertical, transplant-derived, transfusion-derived (before 2007), and occupational exposure-related transmission. This number of infections is small compared with the estimated 288,000 persons currently infected in the country who acquired the infection elsewhere." The letter also asserted that, "[d]eclaring human Chagas disease endemic could result in universal patient testing that would lead to over testing of populations with no major risk and the associated costs of false-positive results (for example, healthcare costs, impacts on organ transplantation processes, and unnecessary anxiety for individual patients). However, continued effort is needed to identify and treat the 288,000 persons with Chagas disease in the United States, including educating healthcare providers to identify high-risk persons and manage the disease. If state partners wish to make Chagas disease nationally notifiable, the CDC welcomes the opportunity to work with them to track cases of Chagas disease in the United States."

Citation: Cantey, P.T., Hast, M. Chancey, R.J., *et al*. "Evidence Lacking for Endemic Chagas Disease in the United States." *Emerging Infectious Diseases*. 2026 ♦

GLOBAL NEWS

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT), the national blood provider for England and transplant services for the United Kingdom (UK), has described the findings of a survey conducted by the "For the Assessment of Individuali[z]ed Risk (FAIR)' steering group regarding the sexuality of blood donors. According to a news release, "[a] new analysis indicates a large increase in the number of gay men donating blood in England over the last decade, following changes to [g]overnment blood donation guidelines. [A new] FAIR survey of 8,744 male donors has found 7.5 percent reported their sexual orientation as bisexual, gay, pansexual, queer, bicurious, or sexually fluid." In 2014, 1.8 percent of male blood donors reported ever being sexually active with another man in a "comparable survey." The FAIR researchers acknowledged in the announcement that, "[w]hile the two surveys did not use exactly the same methodology, [we do think they] provide good evidence many more gay and bisexual men are donating blood since the guidelines were changed and became more inclusive. [At the time of the 2014 survey,] men could not donate blood if they [had] sex of any kind with a man within the last 12 months. In 2017, that was changed to three months. In 2021 that was changed so that people of all genders could not donate blood if they'd had anal sex in the last three months, based on risk data."

(Source: NHSBT News Release, 5/28/26) ♦

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 Training 101 Webinar

America's Blood Centers (ABC) encourages those individuals that are attending the ABC Advocacy Summit to take part in the "ABC Advocacy Training 101" webinar on June 3rd at 3 p.m. EDT. This virtual event will help you prepare for Hill Day as ABC Government Affairs Manager Lorenzo Rodriguez provides an introduction and insights to advocacy on Capitol Hill and Juan Cotto of Bloodworks Northwest shares his blood center's experience building relationships with members of Congress. This event is the perfect forum for both first-time Advocacy Summit attendees and experienced advocates alike to receive tips, share experiences, and learn from your peers. ABC members may contact us for more information and a link to registration.

Register for the AI for Blood Centers Webinar

The ABC Educational Webinar Committee will host a June 16th webinar titled "Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Blood Centers." Hear your peers share real-world experiences and insights on how AI is being deployed and implemented at their blood centers. Speakers include:

- Chris Ebert (SunCoast Blood Centers);
- Evan Arias Johnson (SunCoast Blood Centers);
- Andrea Sign (Carter BloodCare); [and]
- Niveditha Rameshbabu (Stanford Blood Center).

ABC members can contact us with questions or to receive a link to registration.

ADVANCED THERAPIES NEWS

The Advanced Therapy Treatment Centre (ATTC) network, the Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult and Skills for Health, with funding from National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) and Innovate UK, have developed a new framework that aims to, "support the standardi[z]ation and expansion of advanced therapy clinical trials." Specifically, the framework will assist with: "

- "[t]he upskilling of the NHS Advanced Therapy Clinical Trials workforce nationally: by defining the capabilities required by all clinical and non-clinical staff involved in advanced therapy trials, the Framework will improve the consistency of learning opportunities for NHS staff across the UK;
- [m]ore effective work with advanced therapy trial sponsors: roll out of the Framework in conjunction with the national training progra[m] will allow clinical trial sites access to standardi[z]ed training, enabling sponsors to focus on trial-specific training that will build on the comprehensive staff knowledge acquired through the national progra[m]; [and]
- [g]reater patient access to these innovative treatments: upskilling the workforce, thereby helping to improve the efficiency of trial delivery, will contribute to the UK's attractiveness as a location to undertake commercial research, giving more patients the opportunity to participate in these trials."

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Development of the framework included. "the Advanced Therapy Clinical Trials Expert Reference Group (the 'ERG') chaired by Uta Griesenbach, Professor of Molecular Medicine, Imperial College London and Fiona Thistlethwaite, Medical Oncology Consultant and iMatch Director, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. Membership of the ERG comprised stakeholders and subject matter experts who informed the design and content of the Framework."

(Source: Advanced Therapy Clinical Trials Capability Framework, 5/20/26)

UCLA has announced the opening of the newly built "Center for Advanced Biotherapies, or CAB, a new 14,000-square-foot manufacturing facility [inside] UCLA's Center for Health Sciences." According to a news release from the university, "[t]he facility will produce up to 150 cell and gene therapy products per year—nearly double the capacity of its predecessor—and is equipped to support a wider range of therapies than UCLA has ever been able to produce on campus. [The center] features 10 cleanrooms, including seven manufacturing suites designed to run multiple therapies simultaneously, two bioengineering rooms built for large-scale equipment, including bioreactors and 3D printers, and a dedicated suite for viral vector manufacturing. A centralized quality control laboratory supports comprehensive product testing and release. [The new] construction was funded in part by a $7.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, a $2 million grant from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and support from Dr. Eric Esrailian, founder of the California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy and co-chair of the university's Second Century Council. The center is jointly supported by the David Geffen School of Medicine, the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research and the UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center."

(Source: UCLA News Release, 5/27/26)

COMPANY NEWS

InVita Healthcare Technologies has announced the acquisition of **IT Synergistics**. According to the news release, "[u]pon completion of the transaction, InVita will provide partners with the only fully integrated ecosystem of world-class technologies for comprehensive blood management. [Complementing InVita's] platform is the IT Synergistics' BECS, an FDA 510(k)-cleared system designed to support the operational, regulatory, and quality requirements of blood organizations." The news release noted that, "transaction is subject to customary closing conditions."

(Source: InVita Healthcare Technologies News Release, 5/27/26)

Vitrafy Life Sciences recently announced results from an independent phase II *in vitro* study that the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research (USAISR), "[that] validated the company's cryopreservation ecosystem as capable of delivering near-fresh platelet quality at commercial volumes." An article by *Biotech Dispatch* explained that, "the study tested apheresis platelets from 20 donors across three cryopreservation protocols and found that a no-wash 3 percent DMSO (the standard agent for freezing cells) protocol produced a mean post-thaw platelet recovery of 94 percent, outperforming a 6 percent DMSO wash protocol at 84 percent and a trehalose no-wash protocol at 78.9 percent. [The trial is] the largest blood platelet testing exercise completed to date using the Vitrafy system and provides U.S. military-authori[z]ed validation that cryopreserved platelets can be produced at scale while meeting or exceeding commonly accepted liquid-stored platelet quality metrics. [A wash-based] protocol requires centrifugation and reconstitution with freshly thawed plasma, using specialized equipment and trained personnel, thereby restricting its use to specialized settings. A decentralized no-wash protocol that delvers near-fresh post-thaw quality could

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enable stockpiling for event preparedness and extend access to rural hospitals and battlefield and emergency-response settings, where the current platelet supply is logistically constrained."

(Source: *Biotech Dispatch* "Vitrafy and US Army validate no wash frozen platelets with high recovery," 5/26/26)

Moderna, Inc. and the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)** are collaborating to, "advance the development of a potential vaccine against Bundibugyo ebolavirus (BDBV), a cause of Ebola virus disease for which there are currently no licensed vaccines indicated." A company news release noted that, "CEPI has committed up to $50 million to support preclinical development and phase I clinical testing of Moderna's investigational BDBV vaccine candidate. The funding will also support parallel manufacturing activities, enabling doses to be produced while clinical evaluation is underway and positioning the program to rapidly advance into large-scale phase II/III trials should the phase I safety and immunogenicity data support further development. The collaboration further expands Moderna's longstanding strategic collaboration with CEPI, which is focused on accelerating the development of vaccines and other countermeasures against epidemic and pandemic threats."

(Source: Moderna, Inc. News Release, 6/1/26)

Fresenius Kabi has opened nominations for the National Blood Donation Hall of Fame program. This initiative, in collaboration with blood centers, recognizes individuals who support the U.S. blood supply. It celebrates the commitment and dedication of extraordinary donors, volunteers, and advocates, helping to create awareness on the need for blood and importance of blood donation. Blood centers are invited to nominate someone who exhibits a steadfast commitment to blood donation. Email nominations to: info.usa@fresenius-kabi.com by June 9th. Learn more and see past hall of fame inductees here.

FRESENIUS KABI
National Blood Donation Hall of Fame

(Source: Fresenius Kabi Announcement, 4/7/26)

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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June 3. **America's Blood Centers (ABC) Webinar: "Advocacy Training 101" (Virtual).** Please contact us for more information and a link to registration.

June 4. **U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) Office of Therapeutic Products (OTP) Virtual Town Hall: "Best Practices for Preparing BLA Submissions for Cell and Gene Therapy Products."** More information is available here.

June 8-14. **ABC Blood Advocacy Week 2026.** Washington, D.C. More information is available here.

June 8-9. **ABC Advocacy Summit. Washington, D.C.** More information is available here.

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June 16. **ABC Webinar: Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Blood Centers (Virtual).** Please contact us for more information and a link to registration.

June 19. **Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM) Workshop: "From Platform to Patient: Defining Market readiness for Genetic Medicines. Paris, France.** Registration is open. More information is available here.

June 20-24. **International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) 39th International Congress. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** Registration is open. More information available here.

June 25-26. **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (SCDAA) "Research That Heals: Partnering with Patients to Transform SCD Care." Rockville, Md. (Hybrid).** More information is coming soon.

Sept. 16-17. **ADRP: The Association for Blood Donor Professionals Master Class (Virtual).** More information is coming soon.

Oct. 4-7. **Association for Advancing Tissue and Biologics (AATB) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, Calf.** More information available here.

Oct. 5-7. **ARM Cell & Gene Meeting on the Mesa. Phoenix, Ariz.** More information is available here.

Oct. 14-15. **Biomedical Excellence for Safer Transfusion (BEST) Collaborative Member Meeting. Atlanta, Ga.** More information is available here.

Oct. 17-19. **Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB) Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Ga.** More information is coming soon.

Nov. 5-6. **2026 ABC Women's Executive Leadership Community *Rise &* Lead Workshop. San Antonio, Texas.** More information is coming soon.

Nov. 17-20. **American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) and Canadian Association of Pathologists- Association Canadienne des Pathologistes (CAP-ACP) Joint Annual Meeting. Montreal, QC.** Registration is open. More information available here.

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March 8-11. **2027 ABC Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Ga.** More information is coming soon.

May 11-13. **2027 ADRP: The Association for Blood Donor Professionals Annual Conference Columbus, Ohio.** 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

Transfusion Lab Manager Needed! Join Florida's leading blood center, **OneBlood,** as a Blood Bank Lab Manager in Bay Pines, FL. Bring your leadership, technical expertise, and management experience to support the transfusion testing procedures on patient and/or donor samples. Qualified candidates should possess five (5) or more years' experience in a related field. A valid and current Florida Clinical Laboratory Supervisor license in Immunohematology required; SBB certification preferred. To apply and view a complete Job Description of

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this Lab Manager position, visit www.oneblood.org/careers. OneBlood, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Vet/Disability.

Regional Director (Tallahassee, FL). OneBlood is seeking an experienced Regional Director to oversee donor blood collection operations and lead regional teams in support of its lifesaving mission in the Panhandle. This leadership role is responsible for driving operational excellence, ensuring compliance with regulatory and accreditation standards, and achieving donor recruitment and collection goals across the region. Candidates should possess strong leadership, analytical, communication, and team management skills, along with the ability to build collaborative relationships and improve operational performance. A bachelor's degree and significant management experience in healthcare, blood banking, or a related field are preferred. Travel within the region may be required. This position is based in Tallahassee, Florida, and offers the opportunity to join a mission-based organization dedicated to maintaining a safe and reliable blood supply for local communities. Competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits package offered. Apply at **OneBlood Careers**.

Executive Director (Spokane, WA). Vitalant is seeking an exceptional, mission-driven leader to serve as the Executive Director for our Spokane region. This influential role oversees daily operations, community engagement, mobile and fixed-site collections performance, and ensures alignment with organizational strategy and standards. The Executive Director partners closely with regional and enterprise leadership to drive collection success, strengthen customer and donor relationships, and foster a culture grounded in accountability, learning, and collaboration. We're Looking for a Leader Who Can: Translate strategy into effective local execution. Inspire and develop high-performing teams. Build strong partnerships across community and stakeholder groups. Drive operational excellence, adaptability, and innovation. This role offers a competitive compensation and total rewards package, including a performance-based bonus plan that recognizes the significance and impact of this position. Interested applicants can apply at //www.vitalant.org/careers.

Clinical Systems Analyst – Blood Center Services (BECS). Stanford Blood Center (SBC) in Palo Alto, CA, is seeking a specialized Clinical Systems Analyst to join our Blood Operations team. In this role, you will support blood collections, manufacturing, testing, and distribution by delivering technical solutions through BECS, LIS, and other core blood center applications. Key responsibilities include optimizing system configurations, writing test cases, executing validations, performing root cause analysis, and ensuring the ongoing maintenance of all SBC blood systems. Key Responsibilities: System Oversight: Administer and support blood operations applications. Compliance & Validation: Manage system updates, configurations, validation, and implementation. Workflow Integration: Collaborate with lab operations to optimize system interfaces and blood manufacturing/testing workflows. Technical Support: Implement and troubleshoot system functions for zero downtime operations. Minimum Qualifications: Experience: Minimum 3 years of systems analyst work experience in blood operations, BECS administration, and support. Domain Expertise: Minimum 3 years of experience with Blood Establishment Computer Systems (BECS), Laboratory Information Systems (LIS), or Data Innovations (DI) Instrument Manager. Education: Bachelor's degree in a related field or equivalent professional experience. About Stanford Blood Center - SBC is a world-class organization dedicated to connecting local donors to patients in need. We provide hope for healing through innovative research and clinical excellence. Join us in a role where your technical expertise directly impacts life-saving medical care. Visit us at www.stanfordbloodcenter.org. Apply here! For inquiries, contact: Miriam Garrido, mobile: 650-272-8412 SBC Talent Acquisition Consultant.

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 (Multiple shifts available; rotating weekends and holidays), Jacksonville, FL (Overnight), and Atlanta, Georgia (Morning shift; rotating weekends and holidays). **Legal authorization to work in the United States is required. We do not provide visa sponsorship for these positions.** Shift differential applies to eligible evening and overnight hours; sign-on and/or 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. 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

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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 careers page to learn more about this position and apply today!

Purchasing Manager. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is seeking a highly skilled leader with proven management experience and a passion for making a difference. The **Purchasing Manager** at our headquarters location in **Gainesville, FL** is responsible for vendor selection, negotiation, establishment and maintenance of all purchased materials, supplies, equipment, and services used by the company. The Purchasing Manager is organized and decisive and can motivate the team to reach daily and long-range goals. 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!

Program Manager, Blood Donor Engagement. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center's Program Manager, Blood Donor Engagement leads relationship-driven marketing and communications efforts to advance the institution's blood donor recruitment and engagement goals. This role leads a cross-functional Blood Bank Marketing and Communications team representing eight departments to ensure timely, coordinated implementation of outreach tactics. Serving as the Institutional Affairs liaison for Blood Bank leadership, the Program Manager provides a single point of contact to address communications needs, manage issues and risks, and elevate matters as appropriate. The position develops and drives a comprehensive blood donor engagement strategy, oversees marketing and communications planning, and provides strategic recommendations to support recruitment goals. The Program Manager strengthens partnerships across departments conducting outreach activities, ensures consistent use of MD Anderson's brand voice and English and Spanish editorial standards, and manages coordinated institutional communications during critical blood shortages. This role directly supports lifesaving patient care. **Education:** Bachelor's degree in communications, marketing, public health, business, or related field. **Experience:** Experience in program or project management with emphasis on marketing and communications; healthcare or blood banking experience preferred. Click here to apply.

Director Business Development. OneBlood is seeking an experienced **Director, Business Development** to lead strategic growth initiatives and build strong partnerships that support organizational objectives within a dynamic healthcare environment. This leadership role will drive business expansion, identify new opportunities, manage key relationships, and collaborate cross-functionally to support long-term operational success. Candidates should possess proven experience in business development, strategic planning, relationship management, and team leadership, along with strong communication and analytical skills. Healthcare, nonprofit, or regulated industry experience preferred. Bachelor's degree required; advanced degree a plus. This position is based in Orlando, Florida, and offers the opportunity to contribute to a mission-driven organization dedicated to saving lives across the communities it serves. Competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits package offered. Apply online through OneBlood Careers.

Chief Financial Officer. Blood Assurance is seeking a strategic, collaborative, and mission-focused **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)** to join our executive leadership team. The CFO serves as a key strategic partner to the CEO and Board of Directors, providing leadership and oversight of the organization's financial strategy, fiscal sustainability, and operational performance. This executive leader will guide long-term financial planning, ensure strong internal controls and compliance, and support strategic growth initiatives across the organization. The CFO will oversee Finance and Information Technology functions and play a critical role in aligning financial operations with Blood Assurance's life-saving mission. **Key Responsibilities:** Develop and execute long-term financial strategies aligned with organizational objectives. Lead capital planning, forecasting, and investment strategy. Identify and assess financial risks and opportunities. Oversee accounting, payroll, budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting, audit, and tax compliance. Ensure strong internal controls and regulatory compliance. Lead annual budgeting process and present financial updates to executive leadership and Board. Oversee financial systems, data integrity, and reporting tools. Oversee the Information Technology department. Support projects and initiatives for the Information Technology department. **Required Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance with CPA license. 10–15+ years of progressive experience in finance and accounting. Minimum 5 years in senior executive or leadership role with direct supervisory responsibility. Experience working closely with a Board of Directors. Demonstrated experience in strategic financial planning and organizational leadership. Qualified candidates are encouraged to email a cover letter and resume to Marly Stone at marlystone@bloodassurance.org.