

VITALANT AT AABB 2026



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Annual Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:15–9:15 AM

AABB/THOR – Foundations of Prehospital Transfusion Programs

Location: B5 Thomas Murphy 1

Vitalant Participation: Courtney Hopkins – Chair, Speaker

10:45 AM–12:00 PM

Sterility Testing for Section 361 HCT/Ps

Location: B405

Vitalant Participation: Bill Ward – Chair

10:45 AM–12:00 PM

AABB/THOR – Challenges and Advances in Prehospital Transfusion

Location: B5 Thomas Murphy 1

Vitalant Participation: Deanna Janosko – Speaker

1:30–2:30 PM

AABB/THOR – Prehospital Program Models

Location: B5 Thomas Murphy 1

Vitalant Participation: Courtney Hopkins – Chair

1:30–2:30 PM

Comparison of Legacy and Closed-System Deglycerolization Workflows for Cryopreserved RBCs

Location: B404

Vitalant Participation: Susanne Marschner – Presenting Author

3:00–4:30 PM

AABB General Session – Vitalant Sponsor

Location: B5 Thomas Murphy 2–3

Vitalant Participation: Becky Cap

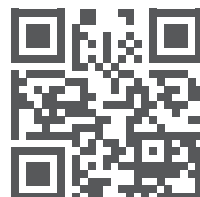


4:30 – 7:00 PM

Visit Vitalant in the Expo Hall during the Opening Reception.

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9:45–10:45 AM

Implementation of Cold Stored Platelets for Active Bleeding

Location: B5 Thomas Murphy 1

Vitalant Participation: Courtney Hopkins — Speaker

9:45–11:00 AM

Genetic Variation in PSD3 Links Dyslipidemia to RBC Dysfunction

Location: B407

Vitalant Participation: Tamir Kanias — Presenting Author

9:45–11:00 AM

Cell Therapy Millionaire: A Game Show Experience

Location: B312–B313A

Vitalant Participation: Kevin Land — Speaker

9:45–11:00 AM

Potential Impact of the 2026 ASH Guidelines for Iron Deficiency

Location: B401–B402

Vitalant Participation: Ralph Vassallo — Speaker

9:45–11:00 AM

AI-Powered Accreditation Readiness

Location: B308–B309

Vitalant Participation: Bill Ward — Speaker

2:00–3:00 PM

The Future of Blood Donation

Location: B313B–B314

Vitalant Participation: Susan Noone — Chair • May Dobbins • Erica Newhard

3:00–3:45 PM

Closing the Distance: Building Community Infrastructure for Equitable Biotherapy Access

Location: Biotherapies Pavilion

Vitalant Participation: Amy Hines — Speaker

3:15–4:15 PM

Vasovagal Reaction Risk in Blood Donors with Elevated Blood Pressure

Location: B302–B303

Vitalant Participation: Samantha Mack — Presenting Author

3:15 PM - 5:45 PM EST

New Developments in the Basic Biology of Blood Transfusion and Biotherapies

Location: GWCC B407

Vitalant Participation: Rachael P. Jackman — Program Chair

6:00–7:15 PM

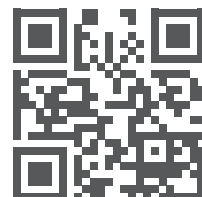
What is the Best Prehospital Blood Product Strategy for Severely Injured Patients?

Location: B5 Thomas Murphy 1

Vitalant Participation: Courtney Hopkins — Speaker

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:15–9:15 AM

Evidence-informed Donor Deferral Practices for Cellular Starting Material

Location: B313B–B314

Vitalant Participation: Robert Marriott — Chair

8:15–9:15 AM

Bridging the Staffing Gap: An Internal Solution for Blood Bank Technology Training

Location: B407

Vitalant Participation: Jaylene Vautard — Presenting Author

8:15–9:15 AM

Implementing a Structured Point-Based Recognition Program

Location: B407

Vitalant Participation: Sadia Aijaz — Presenting Author

9:45–11:00 AM

Taming the Tide: Turning Change Chaos into Coordination

Location: B401–B402

Vitalant Participation: Michele Tysarczyk — Chair • Gwen Jones • Nicole Stadele • Lynda Stanton

1:15–2:00 PM

Transfusion Medicine Meets the Next Generation of Biotherapeutics

Location: Biotherapies Pavilion

Vitalant Participation: Kevin Land — Speaker

2:00–3:00 PM

Improving HIV-1 NAT Sensitivity by Understanding Cell-Associated Viral Signal

Location: B304–B305

Vitalant Participation: Philip Norris — Presenting Author

2:00–3:00 PM

Understanding Models of Transfusion Medicine

Location: B312–B313A

Vitalant Participation: Rachael Jackman — Speaker

2:00–3:00 PM

Your Patient Needs Rare Blood, Who Are You Going to Call?

Location: B401–B402

Vitalant Participation: Cami Singer — Speaker

3:15–4:15 PM

Evaluation of Possible Transfusion-Transmission of Amyloid Beta Disease

Location: B304–B305

Vitalant Participation: Michael Busch — Presenting Author

4:30–5:30 PM

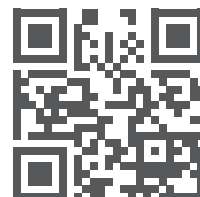
Blood Products Immune Mediators

Location: B401–B402

Vitalant Participation: Kimberly Thomas — Speaker

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