

# The Economics of Prehospital Blood Conference

April 23 - 24, 2026

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| Thursday April 23 |          |  |               |
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| 7:00 AM           | 5:00 PM  | Registration Open  | Lobby         |
| 7:00 AM           | 8:00 AM  | Exhibit Setup  | Lobby         |
| 8:00 AM           | 8:30 AM  | Continental Breakfast - Exhibits & Networking  | Lobby         |
| 8:30 AM           | 8:35 AM  | <b>Introductions and Logistics</b>   |               |
|                   |          | <b>Jeffrey Kerby MD PhD</b><br>Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham; ACS Trauma Education Medical Director            |               |
| 8:35 AM           | 8:45 AM  | <b>The Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition and Meeting Sponsors</b>  |               |
|                   |          | <b>Jon R Krohmer MD</b><br>Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition Chair; EMS Physician  |               |
| 8:45 AM           | 9:00 AM  | <b>Magnitude of the Problem: Why We Are Here</b>   |               |
|                   |          | <b>John Holcomb MD FACS</b><br>Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition Co-Chair; Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham |               |
| 9:00 AM           | 9:15 AM  | <b>The Current Prehospital Blood Delivery Models in the US</b>   |               |
|                   |          | <b>Randi Schaefer DNP RN</b><br>Economics and Advocacy Chair (PBTC); Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition President                     |               |
| 9:15 AM           | 9:35 AM  | <b>Panel: Urban vs Rural Prehospital Blood Availability in the US</b>  |               |
|                   |          | <b>Moderator: Kristan Staudenmayer MD MS FACS</b> , Associate Professor of Surgery, Stanford University CA; Chair, ACS Committee on Trauma |               |
|                   |          | <b>Nakul P Raykar MD MPH</b> , Blood DESERT Coalition; Assistant Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School                              |               |
|                   |          | <b>Mohammad Zain G Hashmi MD MPH</b> , Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham                                 |               |
| 9:35 AM           | 9:45 AM  | <b>Patient Story, Dr Kate Krause, Dallas, Texas</b>  |               |
| 9:45 AM           | 10:00 AM | <b>Cost of a Prehospital Blood Program</b>   |               |
|                   |          | <b>Matthew Levy DO MSC</b><br>Professor of Emergency Medicine and Surgery, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine                 |               |
| 10:00 AM          | 10:30 AM | Break - Exhibits & Networking  | Lobby         |
| 10:30 AM          | 12:00 PM | <b>Panel: Economic Outcomes of Prehospital and Early Hospital Blood</b>  |               |
|                   |          | <b>Moderator: Donald Jenkins MD</b> , Professor of Surgery, UT Health San Antonio  |               |
|                   |          | <b>Elenir Avritscher MD PhD MBA/MHA</b> , Associate Professor, McGovern Medical School, Houston Texas                                      |               |
|                   |          | <b>Matthew Angelidis MD</b> , Medical Director, Univ of Colorado, EMS Medical Director, Colorado Springs Fire Department and AMR           |               |
|                   |          | <b>Jared Gallaher MD MPH</b> , Associate Professor, UNC School of Medicine at Chapel Hill; Surgical Director, NC SURG                      |               |
|                   |          | <b>Kia Nicholson</b> , Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh  |               |
| 12:00 PM          | 12:35 PM | <b>Panel: Billing, Collections, Operating Costs for Prehospital Blood Ground and Air Ambulances</b>  |               |
|                   |          | <b>Moderator: Randi Schaefer DNP RN</b> , Economics and Advocacy Chair (PBTC); Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition President           |               |
|                   |          | <b>Eric A Bank NRP</b> , EMS Scope of Practice Chair (PBTC), Blood Program Manager   |               |
|                   |          | <b>Frank Guyette MD</b> , Professor of Emergency Medicine, University of Pittsburgh  |               |
|                   |          | <b>Matt Zavadsky</b> , EMS/Mobile Healthcare Consultant  |               |
| 12:35 PM          | 12:45 PM | <b>Patient Story, Angela Johnson, New Castle, Indiana; Justin Harrison, EMT-P, New Castle-Henry County EMS</b>                             |               |
| 12:45 PM          | 1:45 PM  | Lunch  | Rooftop Patio |

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| 1:45 PM                | 2:30 PM  | <p><b>Panel: How will we increase the Supply of Blood (LTOWB and Liquid Plasma)</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Daniela Hermelin MD CABP, Chief Medical Officer, ImpactLife</b></p> <p><b>Courtney Hopkins DO</b>, Vice President, Corporate Medical Director, Vitalant</p> <p><b>Audra Taylor</b>, Vice President of Operations, South Texas Blood &amp; Tissue</p> <p><b>Pampee Young MD PhD</b>, Chief Medical Officer, Biomedical Services, American Red Cross</p>  |                            |
| 2:30 PM                | 3:30 PM  | <p><b>Panel: Funding for Sustainment of Prehospital Blood Programs in the US</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Jon R Krohmer MD</b>, Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition Chair, EMS Physician</p> <p><b>Stephen Ferrara MD</b>, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Health Affairs</p> <p><b>Donald Jenkins MD</b>, Professor of Surgery, UT Health San Antonio</p> <p><b>Sean S. Michael MD MBA FACEP</b>, Regional Chief Medical Officer and Physician, Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services</p> |                            |
| 3:30 PM                | 4:00 PM  | Break - Exhibits & Networking  | Lobby                      |
| 4:00 PM                | 5:00 PM  | <p><b>Policy Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>Moderated Discussion</b></p>  |                            |
| 5:00 PM                | 5:30 PM  | <p><b>Summary of Day One</b></p> <p><b>John Holcomb MD FACS</b></p> <p>Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition Co-Chair; Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p>   |                            |
| 5:30 PM                | 7:00 PM  | Cocktail Reception   | Rooftop Patio              |
| 7:00 PM                | 9:00 PM  | Speaker/Sponsor Dinner   | Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill |
| <b>Friday April 24</b> |          |  |                            |
| 7:00 AM                | 1:00 PM  | Registration Open  | Lobby                      |
| 8:00 AM                | 8:30 AM  | Continental Breakfast - Exhibits & Networking  | Lobby                      |
| 8:30 AM                | 8:40 AM  | <b>Patient Story, Mrs Katie McClanahan, Little Rock, AR; Dr Ben Davis, Associate Professor of Surgery, UAMS; Carrie Knauer, Registered Nurse, UAMS</b>   |                            |
| 8:40 AM                | 9:30 AM  | <p><b>Panel: Industry Perspective</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Taryn Rose MD</b>, Contractor Support to DARPA</p> <p><b>John Flynt</b>, Director of Public Safety, QinFlow</p> <p><b>Richard Meehan</b>, President &amp; CEO, Velico Medical</p> <p><b>Vijayan Nair</b>, Octapharma</p>  |                            |
| 9:30 AM                | 10:00 AM | <p><b>Panel: What Blood Products Should Go Where? Plasma and/or RBCs or LTOWB</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Bill Block</b>, Strategic Preparedness Chair (PBTC), President &amp; CEO, Blood Centers of America</p> <p><b>Matthew Levy DO MSC</b>, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Kristan Staudenmayer MD MS FACS</b>, Associate Professor of Surgery, Stanford University CA; Chair, ACS Committee on Trauma</p>   |                            |
| 10:00 AM               | 10:15 AM | <b>Patient Story, Ms Izzy Niemczyk, Palm Beach, Florida</b>  |                            |
| 10:15 AM               | 10:45 AM | Break - Exhibits & Networking  | Lobby                      |
| 10:45 AM               | 11:45 AM | <p><b>Panel: What About the Other Patients?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Jeffrey Kerby MD PhD</b>, Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham; ACS Trauma Education Medical Director</p> <p><b>Peter Antevy MD</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Medical Officer, Handtevy</p> <p><b>Jeremy Cannon MD FACS</b>, Professor of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania</p> <p><b>Christine Leeper MD</b>, Assistant Professor of Surgery and Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh</p>  |                            |
| 11:45 AM               | 12:15 PM | <p><b>What Are the New Blood Products?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Shibani Pati MD PhD</b>, Vice Chair and Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine, UCSF</p> <p><b>CAPT (Ret) Travis Polk, MD</b></p> <p>Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh</p> <p><b>Robert L. Murray PhD, LCDR, MSC, USN</b></p> <p>Program Manager, DARPA</p>   |                            |
| 12:15 PM               | 1:00 PM  | <p><b>Wrap Up and Next Steps</b></p> <p><b>John Holcomb MD FACS</b></p> <p>Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition Co-Chair; Professor of Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p>   |                            |
| 1:00 PM                |          | Conference concludes   |                            |