

The Economics of Prehospital Blood Conference

April 23 - 24, 2026

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

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