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4.5 Hours Continuing Education

KABB is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCP CMLE Program.

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GENERAL ADMISSION - \$70.00 for non-members

\$35.00 with discount for KABB members

Schedule & Program



Kentucky Association of Blood Banks

A professional education event for blood banking and transfusion medicine professionals.

August 21, 2026 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Shelbyville Conference Center

219 7th Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065

8:00 – 8:50 A.M. Registration, Coffee, Exhibits

8:50 – 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME ADDRESS

Dennis Williams, MD, Medical Director Kentucky Blood Center, Director, Transfusion Medicine Service Line, Professor, Pathology/Lab Medicine and Anesthesia
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Immediate Past President of KABB

9:00 – 9:40 A.M.

MANAGING A PREHOSPITAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION PROGRAM: KENTUCKY BLOOD CENTER'S ONE-YEAR TRIAL IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY

Ben Cloud,
Director of Hospital Services
Kentucky Blood Center, Lexington, KY
Level of Instruction: Basic

9:40-10:00 A.M.

ALLERGIC TRANSFUSION REACTION RESPONSE

Dr. Leonard Boral, MD, MBA
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

10:00 – 10:20 A.M.

BREAK/REFRESHMENTS/EXHIBITS

10:20 – 10:40 A.M.

STRONGER TOGETHER: BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE BLOOD BANK TEAM

Alyssa Andrea M. De La Cruz, MLS(ASCPi)^{CM}
Transfusion Services Supervisor
UofL Health-Jewish Hospital/Frazier Rehab
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

10:40 – 11:40 A.M.

OH, THE PLACES YOU MAY GO!

Sue Johnson, MSTM, MLS (ASCP)SBB
Director of Clinical Education and SBB Program Versiti and Director of the Transfusion Medicine Program, Marquette University
Milwaukee, WI
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

11:50 – 1:00 P.M. **LUNCH/EXHIBITS.**

1:00 – 1:30 P.M.

KABB BUSINESS MEETING

Suggestions for 2027 *Officer Elections*

1:30 – 1:50 P.M.

HOW TO WRITE A VALIDATION PLAN

Vonya Drinnon BS, MT(ASCP), SBB
Reference Lab Administrator
Blood Assurance, Chattanooga, TN
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

1:50 – 2:10 P.M.

CASE STUDY PRESENTATION

Katlyn Langston, MLS(ASCP)
Blood Bank Technologist
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

2:10 – 2:40 P.M.

BREAK/REFRESHMENTS/EXHIBITS

2:40 – 3:20 P.M.

A CHECK-UP WITH THE VET

Aaron D. Shmookler, MD, QIA^{CM}, Associate Professor – Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Medical Director – Blood Bank, Coagulation and Cellular Therapies Laboratories, UK Healthcare, Lexington, KY
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

3:20 – 3:40 P.M.

USE OF AI IN THE LABORATORY

Emily Yates MBA, MLS (ASCP)
Labcorp
Level of Instruction: Intermediate

3:40 – 4:00 P.M.

WHAT IS NEW WITH THE FDA

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