



2026 AABB Annual Meeting

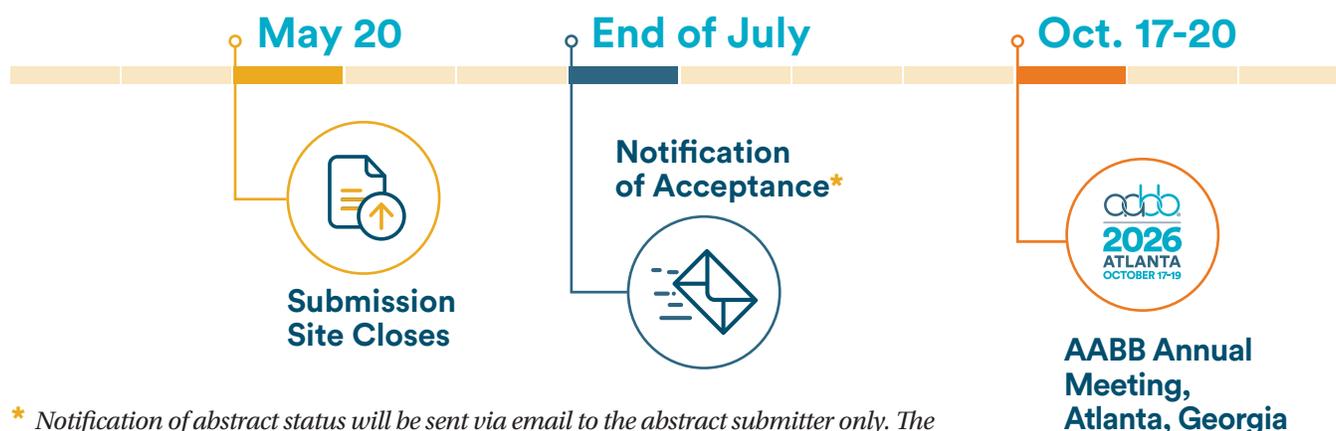
Abstract Preparation and Submission Guidelines

This document will provide the information you need to prepare your abstract for submission to the 2026 AABB Annual Meeting.

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2026 Abstract Timeline



* Notification of abstract status will be sent via email to the abstract submitter only. The submitter is responsible for sharing this information with all listed abstract authors.

Author(s) Responsibilities

Submission of an abstract indicates that the author(s) agree to the following:

- 1 The data has not been published in a scientific journal; nor has the data been accepted for publication prior to AABB's abstract submission closing date.
- 2 The data has not been presented at another national or international annual scientific meeting.
- 3 The accuracy of the submitted abstract is the responsibility of the author(s). Errors made on your submitted abstract will appear in the digitally produced abstract supplement to *Transfusion* Journal and online abstract program.
- 4 Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author(s) to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, may jeopardize future acceptance of abstracts. Expenses associated with the submission and presentation of an abstract are the responsibility of the author/presenter. The presenter is required to attend the annual meeting during the day of presentation and pay the applicable registration fee. If your abstract is selected for oral presentation, the presenting author will receive a complimentary registration for the day of the presentation.
- 5 The content of the presentation and reference materials must remain the responsibility of the author(s). A commercial organization may be an author on the abstract, but they should not be biased to advance the proprietary interest of the sponsor. If the abstract is selected for oral presentation, AABB reserves the right to request that the author(s) from a commercial organization not serve as the presenting author.

Categories and Keywords

You will be asked to choose a primary category and up to five keywords. The primary category should reflect the overall topic of your abstract. Keywords should reflect other topics that are covered in your abstract submission.

Biotherapies, Cellular Therapies and Immunotherapies

Collections, Processing and Storage
Cord Blood (*includes cord tissue and perinatal cells*)
Hematopoietic Cell Therapy/
Transplant Immunotherapies
(*includes CAR T cells*)
Nonhematopoietic Cell Therapy
Process Improvement
Product Development and
Manufacturing
Quality Control/Quality Assurance
Regenerative Medicine
Regulations
Somatic Cell Therapy

Blood Center/Hospital-Based Donor Center

Blood Center/Donor Center Inventory
Management
Collections and Product Manufacturing
Component Processing
Donor Apheresis
Donor Collections
Donor Hemovigilance
Donor Recruitment and Retention
Donor Testing

Cell Biology, Immunology and Biochemistry (Basic and Preclinical Research)

Leukocytes (*includes experimental transplantation/immunotherapy*)
Platelets
Red Cells

Education/Developing Curriculum

Competency Assessment Methods
Curriculum Development,
Implementation and Evaluation
Professional Development
Training Methods for Employees,
Students, Residents and Fellows

Immunoematology and Genetic Testing (red cells, leukocytes and platelets)

Immunoematology (*includes serology*)
Molecular Diagnostics and Testing

Hematology and Coagulation

Disorders
Testing and Assay Development

Information Technology and Informatics

Advanced Computing and Security
(*includes AI, Cybersecurity, etc.*)
Data Management and Analytics
Electronic Health/Medical Records
Laboratory Information Systems

Instrumentation

Inventories

Inventory Distribution
Inventory Management
Inventory Storage

Leadership

Marketing
Operations
Strategic Planning

Management

Financial Management
Laboratory Administration
Personnel Management
Practice Management

Patient Blood Management

Public Health, Policy and Ethics

Quality

Laboratory Safety
Proficiency Testing
Quality Assurance
Quality Control
Quality Management Systems
Standards, Regulations and Accreditation

Therapeutic Apheresis

Tissue Banking and Management

Transfusion

Acute Bleeding and Hemorrhage
Management
Evidence-Based Medical Practices
Patient Safety
Patient Testing
Pediatric Transfusion Clinical Medicine
Perioperative and Anesthesia
Recipient/Patient Hemovigilance –
Noninfectious Adverse Events
(*Transfusion Reactions*)
Recipient/Patient Hemovigilance –
Transfusion Transmitted
Infectious Diseases
Transfusion Practices
Transfusion Service Inventory
Management, Storage, and
Distributions
Trauma and Massive Transfusion
Practices

How to Submit Your Abstract

All abstracts should be as informative as possible and follow the guidelines below. (Abstracts that do not follow all format guidelines will be rejected.)

1. Format

Abstracts must include the following sections:

○ Background/Case Studies

One or two sentences explaining the topic, purpose, and research question(s). Include the study's objectives or why it was conducted. For case studies, briefly describe the patient, scenario, or event.

○ Study Design/Methods

Summarize how the study was conducted in paragraph form. Include study type, participants or data sources, procedures or interventions, and brief description of analysis methods.

○ Results/Findings

Present the key outcomes or discoveries. Include main data, important patterns or trends, and quantitative results (numbers, percentages) when relevant. For case studies, note key observations. Include confidence intervals or p-values if applicable. Be precise and concise—avoid interpretation (save that for the conclusion).

○ Conclusion

Provide a clear statement of the conclusions supported by the results. Highlight main takeaways, relevance to the field, and any recommendations or future directions if applicable. Give balanced emphasis to positive and negative findings. Keep it concise and focused on what the study or case adds to knowledge.

NOTE: Quantitative and qualitative data may be included in abstract submissions. **Quantitative data** should be summarized with specific reference to the number of participants or observations and the statistical significance of the findings. Statements such as “The results will be discussed” or “The data will be presented” are insufficient. A table or graph may be used to effectively present quantitative data.

Qualitative research submissions must clearly state the research question, describe the study setting, and explain the data collection context, including any relationships with participants. Qualitative data are generally most applicable to administrative topics, such as leadership or donor recruitment, but may be considered in scientific categories when part of a well-designed, high-quality study.

The quality and rigor of the data presented in each abstract are ultimately evaluated by the review committee.

2. Table or Figure

- One table or figure (black and white or color) is permitted per abstract. Figures may include no more than three data tables.
 - Naming convention for table and figure – please ensure the same title is used when referencing the table and figure in your abstract text.
 - Please use:
 - Table 1
 - Figure A
 - There are three preferred formats for digital artwork submission:
 - Encapsulated PostScript (EPS)
 - Portable Document Format (PDF)
 - Tagged Image File Format (TIFF)
 - Line art should be saved as EPS files. Alternatively, line art may be saved as PDF files at a resolution of 600 dots per inch (dpi) or higher at final size.
 - Tone art, including photographic images, should be saved as TIFF files with a resolution of 300 dpi at final size.
 - For combination figures, or artwork that includes both photographs and labeling, we recommend saving files as EPS or as PDF files with a resolution of 600 dpi or higher at final size.
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3. Additional Submission Requirements

Every effort will be made to publish the abstract exactly as submitted. Although abstracts will be typeset for electronic distribution, they will not be edited or corrected by the AABB staff except as needed to comply with publication style. Please ensure that your submission adheres to the following guidelines:

- Summary of Importance to the Field
 - Authors must provide a brief summary (maximum 500 characters) explaining why the abstract is novel or important to the field.
 - Although previously published work will not be accepted, submission of follow-up studies or reexamination of data is encouraged; in these cases, clearly articulate what is new or different in this abstract.
- Commercial Bias
 - Presentation involving commercial products must be objective and based on scientific methods.
 - Presentations must be free of commercial bias for or against any product.
 - Generic names should be used whenever possible. Abstracts submitted for promotional purposes will be rejected.

- The combined length of the abstract body and title must not exceed 2,900 characters, including spaces. The character count excludes tables, figures, and the Summary of Importance to the Field. (Character count includes all letters, numbers and punctuation.) Abstracts that exceed this limit will be rejected by the online submission site and must be modified before the abstract can be submitted.
- LMIC (Low- and Middle-Income Countries) Verification
Please indicate if your research **was conducted in an LMIC** as classified by the **World Bank**. The AABB Selection of Abstracts Committee is interested in understanding the location of the research.
- Titles should clearly reflect the content of the abstract. It should be concise and formatted in title case (with the first letter of each word capitalized).
- Author(s) names should not include titles or degrees. Author(s) institutions should be listed as precisely as possible (include city, state or country).
- Data and Units
 - Include statistics where appropriate to clarify data interpretation.
 - Use metric units; report temperatures in Celsius.
 - Use generic drug names in lowercase. Proprietary names should have the first letter capitalized.
 - Spell out terms or phrases the first time they appear, followed by abbreviations in parentheses (e.g., hydroxyethyl starch (HES), filtration leukapheresis (FL)). Do not use abbreviations in the title.
 - Avoid starting sentences with Arabic numbers.
- Any human subjects/animal research presented must have been approved by the appropriate agencies and have been in accordance with applicable ethical standards.
- Except in rare cases, no more than ten (10) authors may be submitted and listed with each abstract. As per the rule in medical research publication, each of the authors must have contributed in at least one of three ways: 1) substantial participation in the research being reported, 2) writing of the submission, or 3) review/editing of the abstract.
- Author(s) are strongly encouraged to **save an electronic or printed copy** of their abstract for their records before submitting.
- Avoid use of the first person in descriptions of the authors' previous work.

✗ **Unacceptable:** "We previously demonstrated that..."

✓ **Acceptable:** "It has been shown..." or "Investigators previously demonstrated that..."

Abstract Selection and Notification

1. Rejection Criteria

Abstracts will be rejected by peer reviewers for any of the following reasons:

- A) Insufficient data presented
- B) Required statistical analysis is missing
- C) Conclusions cannot be supported by the data presented
- D) Information previously published or generally well known and documented
- E) Submission does not follow format instructions (e.g., no conclusion provided)
- F) Information has limited significance, relevance, or interest for an AABB meeting
- G) Abstract poorly written, confusing or not clear, or contains major spelling or syntax errors
- H) Evidence of commercial bias or advertising
- I) Errors in method or data presented
- J) Other serious flaws, as determined by peer reviewers

2. Decision Notification

Notification of abstract status will be sent via email to the abstract submitter only. The submitter is responsible for sharing this information with all listed abstract authors.

If accepted, abstracts must be presented at the AABB Annual Meeting. The presenting author is required to register for the meeting, prepare their poster (or oral presentation, if selected), and present during their assigned session time. Failure to do so, without adequate notification and justification, may prevent the authors from submitting abstracts to future meetings. All posters must remain mounted throughout the duration of the designated time and may not be removed early for any reason.