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AABB/THOR JOINT PROGRAM: TRAUMA AND PREHOSPITAL TRANSFUSION

New to the 2026 AABB Annual Meeting, the AABB/THOR Joint Program: Trauma and Prehospital Transfusion is designed as a comprehensive, end-to-end exploration of hemorrhage management and transfusion strategies across the continuum of care – from prehospital environments to hospital-based resuscitation and large-scale emergency response.

These AABB2026 education sessions focus on how blood components and hemostatic therapies are delivered, coordinated, and optimized in diverse and often resource-constrained settings, with particular attention to integrating EMS, hospitals, and blood centers into a cohesive system of care.

Collectively, the program is designed to engage a broad, interprofessional audience spanning EMS leadership, trauma and emergency medicine, surgical and anesthesiology specialties, critical care, military medicine, and health system operations – reflecting the multidisciplinary nature of modern hemorrhage management.

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Day 1 – Prehospital Transfusion: Building Programs and Partnerships

The first day is dedicated to prehospital transfusion, with a strong emphasis on how to design, implement, and sustain programs. Sessions focus on the current landscape of civilian prehospital programs, product selection, regulatory considerations, and training approaches. A central theme is the collaboration required between EMS agencies, hospitals, and blood centers to ensure safe, scalable, and equitable access to blood in the field. Operational models, data collection strategies, and programmatic case examples further reinforce practical implementation.

Day 2 – Advancing Clinical Practice and System Readiness

The second day shifts toward clinical innovation and system-level preparedness. Sessions explore the implementation of cold-stored platelets, including emerging evidence and real-world adoption. Broader system readiness is addressed through discussions on large-scale combat operations, highlighting capacity planning, regulatory flexibility, and military-civilian partnerships. Insights from recent conflicts provide real-world lessons in delivering hemostatic resuscitation under constrained conditions. The day concludes with forward-looking perspectives on emerging products and a dynamic interactive discussion on optimal transfusion strategies in the pre-hospital setting.

Day 3 – Complex Clinical Perioperative Scenarios and Future Threat Preparedness

The final day focuses on complex and high-risk clinical perioperative scenarios alongside preparedness for catastrophic events. Topics include transfusion considerations in radiologic or nuclear exposures, the pros and cons of different fibrinogen replacement strategies, and management of postpartum hemorrhage. Advanced discussions in cardiac surgery and ECMO highlight evolving evidence and ongoing controversies in hemostatic management. Collectively, the sessions emphasize integrating evidence-based practices across specialties while preparing clinicians and systems for both routine and extreme bleeding challenges.



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AABB/THOR JOINT PROGRAM EDUCATION SESSION SCHEDULE

Day 1 – Prehospital Transfusion: Building Programs and Partnerships

- [AABB/THOR Welcome/Introduction](#)
- [AABB/THOR Prehospital Transfusion Data](#)
- [AABB/THOR Blood Supply/Plasma Expanded Use](#)
- [AABB/THOR Prehospital Transfusion EMS Models](#)

Day 2 – Advancing Clinical Practice and System Readiness

- [AABB/THOR Are We Ready for Large Scale Combat Operations](#)
- [AABB/THOR Implementation of Cold Stored Platelets for Active Bleeding](#)
- [AABB/THOR Lessons from Ukraine](#)
- [AABB/THOR Products on the Horizon](#)

Day 3 – Complex Clinical Perioperative Scenarios and Future Threat Preparedness

- [AABB/THOR Are We Ready for Nuclear War and Radiologic Exposures?](#)
- [AABB/THOR Debate on the Optimal Product for Fibrinogen Replacement](#)
- [AABB/THOR Post Partum Hemorrhage](#)
- [AABB/THOR Hemostasis and Transfusion Management in Cardiac Surgery and ECMO](#)

The 2026 AABB Annual Meeting is the premier event for the blood and biotherapies, taking place Oct. 17-19, 2026, in Atlanta, GA.

Register by July 21 to save up to \$325 on regular-rate, full-meeting registration.

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