

TTD Committee

CHAIR: Ralph Vassallo, FACP,MD

PURPOSE: To provide consultation, as needed, on all facets of transfusion and cellular therapy related diseases and

related laboratory tests. To prepare reports for the membership on developments and issues in these areas,

as appropriate.

CHARGES: 1. Continue to monitor the status of current and emerging infectious diseases that could be transmitted through transfusion or tissue or cellular transplantation and the potential adverse outcomes for patients, for

purposes of defining AABB patient-related transfusion safety strategies. Report to the Board as there are

developments.

2. Monitor development of the tests and screening procedures for infectious diseases and bacterial contamination and recommend action to the Board for members to follow in response to public concerns. Report on findings. If the report contains recommendations for change in policy, submit simultaneously to the Standards Committee.

3. Monitor pathogen reduction procedures and their effectiveness. Report to the Board as information is available. Assist in determining the risk-benefit of such procedures per other AABB initiatives.

- 4. Develop recommendations for the Board concerning re-entry protocols that would return eligible deferred blood donors, in light of current scientific data, to active status. Interact with the FDA on these issues as appropriate.
- 5. Coordinate with the Clinical Transfusion Medicine Committee as needed and appropriate.
- 6. Maintain and update EID Fact Sheets posted on the AABB web site.
- 7. Serve as a resource for the Communications staff to develop articles and other communications for the membership on issues of interest to the membership identified by the committee.
- 8. Serve as a resource for staff in the development and review of statements before BPAC, the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, and similar groups and scientific statements to the press and public. Present statements on behalf of AABB as requested.

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Time Commitment:

To learn about the time commitments for this committee, please contact the staff liaison listed in the roster above.