



## Hemovigilance Committee

**CHAIR:** DR Opal Reddy, CABP , MD

**PURPOSE:** To provide strategic direction, subject matter expertise, and operational guidance to advance AABB's hemovigilance initiatives. The Committee supports the development, evaluation, and dissemination of data-driven approaches, educational resources, and best practices that enhance donor and patient safety.

**CHARGES:**

1. Enhance hemovigilance education and resources by developing and maintaining educational materials, case studies, and tools that strengthen a robust understanding and application of hemovigilance principles.
2. Identify and evaluate emerging hemovigilance-related issues, including those arising in public health emergencies or novel clinical settings. Recommend appropriate AABB actions, guidance, or collaborative efforts in response to evolving risks or opportunities.
3. Encourage the adoption of hemovigilance monitoring systems for positive impact on patient and donor safety.
4. Maintain communication and coordination with AABB committees, working groups, external partners, and appropriate federal agencies regarding hemovigilance systems.
5. Provide expert input to AABB advocacy, policy, and standards-setting efforts related to hemovigilance.
6. Promote use of common definitions and reporting formats for adverse reactions and incidents/occurrences/events among all interested agencies. Interact with federal agencies such as HHS, CDC, AHRQ, and FDA on these issues as appropriate. Maintain relationships with hemovigilance systems and organizations worldwide.

### Current Personnel as of February 05, 2026

Name	Roles
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#### **Representative**

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Dr. Whitney R Steele	FDA Rep.

#### **Staff Liaison**

Susan Leppke, MPH	
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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.