



## AABB THOR Joint Working Group

**CHAIR:**

**PURPOSE:** Identify joint opportunities to advance transfusion medicine clinical practice, support innovation of new products, and further knowledge transfer to reduce the risk of death from hemorrhagic shock due to all etiologies.

- CHARGES:**
1. Develop a prioritized agenda of issues, opportunities, and positions that AABB could pursue as it works in collaboration with the THOR Network. (Possible issues include: range of clinical practice, data collection needs, product development, product use, standards review and advocacy agenda considerations as it relates to transfusion medicine within the civilian and military care settings)
  2. Identify data platforms to capture the epidemiology, practice patterns and outcomes for transfused patients.
  3. Evaluate the need for uniform titer method and /or options for use of “low titer” blood products.
  4. Review existing AABB BBTS standards and identify standards that are of concern and the need for revision. Provide data, if available and recommend that standards be reviewed for possible revision.
  5. Develop proposal for position development and/or an advocacy agenda associated with emergency preparedness in conjunction with the THOR Network.
  6. Propose Educational Programs for AM, e-casts and a pre AM program.
  7. Working with the Regulatory and Policy Departments, liaison with FDA regarding Review/Assessment of licensing criteria used by FDA needed for platelet products when indicated for patients with bleeding and new storage solutions for whole blood.

**Current Personnel as of June 28, 2026**

Name	Roles
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**Time Commitment:**