



Biotherapies Leadership Committee

CHAIR: Dr. David McKenna, CABP(H),MD

PURPOSE: To foster AABB's leadership in biotherapies quality and safety by leveraging the organization's strength in standards setting and regulatory and policy advocacy. To advise AABB leadership and membership on the clinical, technical, and quality/regulatory aspects of the field of biotherapies (e.g., cell/gene therapy and regenerative medicine).

CHARGES:

1. Provide recommendations for relevant guidelines based on emerging evidence, regulatory changes, and industry shifts for Board consideration.
2. Identify opportunities and risks applicable to the biotherapies field and report this information to the board annually.
3. Establish a structured system for annual review of critical advancements in biotherapies and develop an annual report summarizing key developments, prioritizing those most relevant for Board attention, and submit for a pre-determined Board meeting. With Board approval, consider submission of a manuscript summarizing these findings to Transfusion for publication.
4. Work in collaboration with the Cellular Therapy Section Coordinating Committee (CTSCC) to identify priority topics for technical guidance documents, clinical guidelines, education programs, and other relevant activities.
5. Evaluate the impact of implementing new technologies and approaches in biotherapies, identifying implementation challenges, quality considerations, and opportunities to optimize patient and donor safety and outcomes.
6. Address priority issues identified by the biotherapy's community and/or the AABB Board of Directors.
7. Educate the AABB community by identifying biotherapies-related educational needs and contributing subject-matter expertise across AABB education, including the AABB Annual Meeting, Association Bulletins, and webinars.

Current Personnel as of April 28, 2026

Name	Roles
<u>Chair</u>	
Dr. David McKenna, CABP(H),MD	
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Dr Donald Siegel	BoD Liaison
Dr Ronit Slotky, CABP	CTSCC Liaison
<u>Member</u>	
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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.