



CTTG NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the March newsletter - if you haven't nominated a 'Paper of the Year' for our CTTG annual meeting please do so! (see details below)

Annual Meeting in Canmore, Alberta April 23-24, 2026 - Registration Reminder

If you haven't already registered, please sign up here: [CTTG Registration Page](#) | [CITE](#)

Monday, March 23rd is the deadline to reserve in the room block so we strongly encourage you to book by then.

(If you've already registered - thank you, and feel free to forward the link to colleagues who plan to attend)

Call for "Paper of the Year" - Nominations

We're opening nominations for CTTG Paper of the Year, an award that we will present at our annual meeting.

Please nominate a paper using this [link](#).

March Lecture Series - Thursday, March 19th

Dr. Stuart Nicholls will be presenting on patient engagement. Looking forward to seeing you there!

CBS Progress Report - Have anything to add?

In April, the executive team will be submitting a CTTG progress report. If you have conducted any work in the past six months for CTTG that you would like us to note in the report, please send us an email!

Help Us Grow the CTTG Community

Know a colleague or trainee who could benefit from joining our network? Invite them to complete our membership form and become part of a supportive, research-driven community.



If you have items you'd like to include in future newsletters (milestones, publications, trainee highlights, trial updates, upcoming events), just reply to this email.

Working Group Corner

- CTTG has been invited to be a funding partner for the ACT/CIHR grant application
- Dr. Justyna Bartoszko of the *Clinical Trials Working Group* will be representing CTTG on the grant

Member Spotlight - Sam Castiglione, Steering Committee Donor Representative



Sam is our new donor representative and has been an active blood donor for several years (currently at **60 donations!**)

"Giving blood has always felt like one of the most straightforward things I can do: less than an hour of my time, and someone on the other end gets what they need. Joining CTTG feels like a natural extension of that same instinct. Donating is one thing, but making an impact on the research that makes transfusion medicine better, while providing a donor's voice in the process, is a welcome opportunity for me."

By day, Sam works in finance and corporate acquisitions, where he is focused on acquiring software businesses in the transportation and logistics sector. The skills he plans to bring to CTTG are based on habits that he has from his investment work. Sam says he has a "real appreciation for patient and unglamorous infrastructure building" which explains why CTTG's vein-to-vein data platform interests him. It's the kind of investment that will have long-term benefits for important clinical work and the broader blood donation system.

He hopes his involvement in CTTG will give a better understanding of how research actually moves from question to practice, and the satisfaction of knowing that people who give blood have a meaningful seat at the table as the work unfolds.