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CTTG NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the July 2026 CTTG newsletter!

Year 4 workplan and reporting template
The finalized Year 4 Workplan and Reporting Template are now available on the CTTG SharePoint site. Please review the final submission to CBS to support upcoming working group activities.

Upcoming grants and awards
A list of upcoming grant and award opportunities has also been added to the CTTG website. Members are encouraged to review the list regularly for relevant funding opportunities and deadlines.

List of transfusion medicine contacts now available on our website!
Please visit our the community engagement working group page on our website to for access to transfusion medicine related engagement resources that may be helpful to you.

July 19th Lecture Series - Stay tuned for a calendar invite
Dr. Nadine Shehata be presenting on 'Conducting a Clinical Trial'. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Still seeking a CTTG patient representative
We are looking to identify a patient representative interested in contributing to network activities and helping us reflect patient perspectives in our research. If you know someone who may be interested in getting involved, please contact Amie Malkin (amie.malkin@sunnybrook.ca).

CBS BEAP competition
The Canadian Blood Services' Blood Efficiency Accelerator Program is now accepting applications due *July 31st, 2026.* Any questions about eligibility/program details can be emailed to centreforinnovation@blood.ca.

Working Group Corner

- "Service menu's" for CTTG working groups should be sent to Amie Malkin (amie.malkin@sunnybrook.ca) by **Monday, July 20th** so we can begin piloting the new proposal intake form.
- Chairs and Vice-chairs - please provide your availability for a 30-minute meeting in the upcoming weeks to Amie to discuss your group's outputs for year 4.

Member Spotlight - Dr. Sheila O'Brien
Member, Common Data Working Group

Dr Sheila O'Brien is the Associate Director of Epidemiology and Surveillance at Canadian Blood Services and an Adjunct Professor in the School of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Ottawa. Her areas of research include the epidemiology of blood transmissible infectious disease, blood donor screening and application of donor data to public health policy. Dr. O'Brien has been an enthusiastic member of CTTG since its inception, serving on the Steering Committee and the Common Data Working Group. She has a particular interest in identifying new ways to leverage health record data for clinical trials and the potential for "vein to vein" research evaluating the relationship between donor health characteristics and recipient outcomes.

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.

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