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CTTG NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the August 2026 CTTG newsletter!

Annual Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting Update
The CTTG SAC recently met to review current network priorities, ongoing initiatives and plans for the coming year. Key discussions included CTTG's research scope, sentinel sites and research capacity, sustainable funding; and data strategy, impact, and equity. Slides and meeting minutes can be found on SharePoint.

Reminder: CTTG Publication Policy
Members are reminded to review the publication policy when preparing manuscripts, abstracts, presentations, or other CTTG-supported work.

August 20 Lecture Series with Dr. Susan Nahirniak
Please join us on Thursday, August 20th for the next CTTG lecture series with Dr. Susan Narhirniak. She will present on 'Practical Application of Knowledge Translation of Clinical Trial Results' . A calendar invitation with additional details has been circulated.

Planning for the Next CTTG Annual Meeting
Planning is underway for the next CTTG Annual Meeting which will take place in *Toronto, Ontario April 2027.* The organizing team is currently considering potential dates, program topics, and opportunities for members to present and connect. Additional information will be shared as plans are confirmed.

New Interest Holder Group Document Available Online
The CTTG Community Engagement Working Group has developed a new directory of patient groups, clinical societies, research groups, and other organizations relevant to transfusion medicine research. It includes publicly available contact information to help research teams identify potential community partners and engagement opportunities.

Working Group Corner

- Draft service menus have been circulated to each CTTG Working Group for review. Working Group members are asked to provide feedback on the proposed services for their group, including any suggested additions or revisions, to help clarify how each group can support CTTG members and their research projects.

Member Spotlight - Dr. Nicole Relke
Member - Education and Career Mentorship Working Group

Dr. Nicole Relke is a hematologist and transfusion medicine specialist and a Medical Officer at Canadian Blood Services, where she particularly enjoys working with the Rare Blood Program. She recently joined the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Transfusion Research at McMaster University and looks forward to contributing to the CTTG Education and Career Mentorship Working Group in the coming year. Her research interests include using large datasets to advance transfusion medicine research and examining blood product utilization at regional and national levels, with a particular focus on albumin and rare blood products.

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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