



Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 3 – Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center

Concord, NC

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, May 3, 2026

7:00pm – 8:30pm Trivia Night
Registration table open

Monday, May 4, 2026

7:15am – 8:00am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00am – 9:00am **“Maintaining a Culture of Quality”**
Ty Peacock, PhD

9:00am – 9:45am Break, Exhibits Open

9:45am – 10:00am **Presentation of Petteway-Shepherd Award**

10:00am – 11:00am **Petteway-Shepherd Award Speaker**
“As the Centrifuge Turns: déjà vu and Creative Blood Banking”
Barbara J. Bryant, MD, MT(ASCP)BB,SBB

11:00am – 12:00pm **“Oh, The Places You May Go!”**
Sue T. Johnson, MSTM, MLS(ASCP)SBB^{CM}

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch, Exhibits Open

1:00pm – 2:00pm **“Too Much Ado About Cold-Reactive Antibodies: Serologic Evaluation and Blood Selection for Patients with Cold-Reactive Allo- and Autoantibodies”**
Sue T. Johnson, MSTM, MLS(ASCP)SBB^{CM}

2:00pm – 3:00pm **“From Serology to Sequence: Blood Group Genotyping in Action”**
Sunitha Vege, MS

- 3:00pm – 3:45pm Break with Exhibitors
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm **“Beyond the Bench: The Transfusion Safety Officer’s Role in Patient Advocacy”**
Dr. Lee Anne Sorto, DNP, FNP-C, TSO
- 4:45pm – 5:45pm **“Hurricane Helene: Preparation, Response, and Lessons Learned”**
Kris Kindy, BS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm **Vendor Reception**

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

- 7:30 am – 8:15 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 am – 8:30 am Presentation of Elizabeth “Kizzy” Moore Gabriel Scholarships
- 8:30am – 9:30 am **“The Vital Humor: Transfusion History and Futures”**
Nicole Cook, DNP, APRN, AGCNS-BC, CEN, CCRN, TCRN
- 9:30am – 10:15am Break with Exhibitors, Exhibits Close
- 10:15am – 11:15am **“Synthetic Platelets to Stop Bleeding and Enhance Healing”**
Ashley C. Brown, PhD
- 11:15am – 12:15pm **“From Transfusion to Transformation- Gene Therapy in SCD”**
Nirmish Shah, MD
- 12:15pm – 12:30pm Membership Meeting, Presentation of Frances Widmann Service Award
- 12:30pm – 1:15pm Lunch
- 1:15pm – 2:15pm **“Automated Gel Titration Applications”**
Gregory Denomme, PhD, FCSLMS(D)
- 2:15pm – 3:15pm **“The Fellowship of the Rh System”**
Megan Benbow, MT(ASCP)SBB
Naghena Ghulam, BS, SBB(ASCP)^{CM}
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm **“The Road to Safer Blood Irradiation: Replacing Cesium Blood Irradiators in a Healthcare System”**
Jamie Moore, MLS(ASCP)SBB^{CM}
- 4:15pm Meeting Adjourned