The International Blood Safety Forum 2017
Improving Access to Safe Blood
Co-Hosted by Global Healing and America’s Blood Centers
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Ritz Carlton (Pentagon City) Washington, D.C.
Room TBA
Friday, March 24, 2017

AGENDA

7:00 – 8:00 am  Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:10 am  John Donnelly  Welcome and Administrative Remarks

Keynote Address
8:10 – 8:30 am  Zbigniew M. Szczepiorkowski, MD, PhD FCAP
(Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dartmouth University, and President, AABB)
Future prospects for expanding access to affordable safe blood in developing countries, and the potential impact on Sustainable Development Goals for maternal mortality, child mortality, and access to essential medicines.

Part 1.  Situation Update  Moderator:  Christine Bales (AABB)
8:30 – 8:50 am  Dejana Selenic (CDC)  PEPFAR: Accomplishments and transition plans.
8:50 – 9:10 am  Maria Dolores Perez Rosales (PAHO)  Accomplishments toward improving blood safety in Latin America.
9:10 – 9:30 am  Open Discussion/ Q&A
9:30 – 9:50 am  Coffee Break

Part 2:  Value Proposition Analysis  Moderator:  Pete Zacharias (Safe Blood for Africa)
Session Sponsor:  Helmer Scientific
9:50 – 10:10 am  Imelda Bates (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine)  The value of blood in developing countries: lives saved and economic benefits.
10:10 – 10:30 am  Ravi Reddy (SANBS)  Economics of blood from vein to vein – case studies in South Africa.
10:30 – 10:50 am  Christa Gouws (Namibia Blood Transfusion Service)  Blood program costs in Namibia.
10:50-11:10  Discussion/Q&A
11:10 – 11:30 am  
Alexandra Neilsen (Portland State U) and Nathan Neilsen (Tulane U School of Medicine)  
Prospects for economies in blood collection and processing and their potential for impact on the cost of blood products in the developing world.

11:30 – 11:50 am  
Jim MacPherson (MacPherson Strategies)  
Demand trends for the next 10 years: how economic growth and changes in medical practice in low and middle income countries may affect the demand for blood products.

11:50-12:00 pm  
Discussion/Q&A

12:00 – 1:20 pm  
Lunch

Part 3. Quality Management  
Moderator: Ruth Sylvester (ABC)

1:20 – 1:40 pm  
Christine Bales (AABB)  
Implementation of QMS/GMP in developing country blood centers: the AfSBT/AABB model.

1:40 – 2:00 pm  
Matt Delgado (ICCBBA)  
Implementation of ISBT 128 in low-resource countries.

2:00 – 2:20 pm  
Daniel Kimani (CDC Kenya)  
Improving QMS of blood transfusion services using SLMTA: Experience in Kenya.

Part 4: Knowledge gaps and action plans

2:20 – 3:05 pm  
Moderator: Jerry Holmberg (Grifols)  
1. Industry Panel: Challenges and opportunities of working in developing countries to make safe blood more accessible and affordable.

3:05 – 3:40 pm  
Moderator: Pete Zacharias (Safe Blood for Africa)  
2. How to test innovations that can bring accessible, affordable safe blood to the scale required to meet developing country medical needs?

3:40 – 3:55 pm  
Tea Break

3:55 – 4:40 pm  
Moderator: Evan Bloch (Johns Hopkins University)  

Closing Remarks  
4:40 – 5:00 pm  
John Pitman (Cerus)  
Taking up the challenge of driving scale-up of safe blood.
PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2:20-3:05 PM: Industry Panel: Challenges and opportunities of working in developing countries to make safe blood more accessible and affordable.

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