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Day 1 - Friday

14 November 2025
Room - Onyx Ballroom

08:00 - 08:45	Registration and Welcome Coffee		
08:45 - 09:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks		
09:00 - 11:00	 Session I: Cellular Therapies and Immunotherapies Moderators: Dr. Eiman Alzaabi & Dr. Hiba Alhumaidan 09:00 - 09:20 Aiming For The Cure - Sickle Cell Disease 09:20 - 09:40 Emerging Cell and Gene Therapies for Sickle Cell Disease 09:40 - 10:00 Clinical Trials in GVHD 10:00 - 10:30 Genetically Augmented Extracellular Vesicles for the Treatment of Spinal Cord Injury 10:30 - 11:00 Gene therapies & CART Panel discussion: Abba Zubair / Moussab Damlaj/ Shahrukh Hashimi / Robert Liwski Moussab Damlaj Abba Zubair Shahrukh Hashimi  Wenchun Qu		
11:00 - 11:30	 Coffee Break		
Parallel Sessions			
Room - Onyx Ballroom		Room - Emerald 1	
11:30 - 13:00	 Session II: Immunohematology and Genetic Testing Moderators: Dr. Arwa Al Riyami & Dr. Glenn Ramsey 11:30 - 12:00 RCB Blood Groups in Genome Databases 12:00 - 12:30 Management of Platelet Refractoriness: Mayo Clinic Algorithm 12:30 - 13:00 Red cell phenotyping and antibody identification by flow cytometry Glenn Ramsey Manish Gandhi Robert Liwski	Industry Workshop  11:30 - 12:30 Quality Matters: Insights into Platelet Quality, Storage, and Apheresis Excellence Speakers: Marcus Picard, Ahmad Abu Hashya	
13:00 - 14:30	 Lunch / Exhibition		
Parallel Sessions			
Room - Onyx Ballroom		Room - Emerald 1	
14:30 - 15:30	 Session III: New Technologies Moderators: Dr. Abba Zubair & Dr. Rania Madkour 14:30 - 15:00 Informatics (AI) in Blood Banking 15:00 - 15:30 The Impact of Innovation & Smart Applications on Blood Services Chancey Christenson May Raouf	14:30 - 15:30 Blood Bank Technologists Quiz Competition	
15:30 - 15:45	Final Remarks End of Day 1		

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Day 2 - Saturday

15 November 2025
Room - Onyx Ballroom

08:30 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee		
09:00 - 10:30		Session IV: Clinical Transfusion	
09:00 - 09:30		Moderators: Dr. Hiba Alhumaidan & Dr. Klaus Torp	
09:00 - 09:30		Perioperative blood management	Klaus Torp
09:30 - 10:00		Updates in Transfusion Guidelines	Arwa Al Riyami
10:00 - 10:30		Research of storable and ready-to-use artificial red cells as a transfusion alternative for emergency medicine	Hiromi Sakai
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee Break	
10:30 - 11:00		Poster Judging session	
11:00 - 11:30		Industry Symposium	
		Improving Efficiency, Productivity and Safety in Blood Banks with Automation and Digital Solutions	Ahmed Wasfy
			
11:30 - 13:00		Session V: Management and Quality	
11:30 - 12:00		Moderators: Dr. Irene Sadek & Dr. Ravi Dara	
11:30 - 12:00		Leadership Excellence in Transfusion Medicine	Amy Mata
12:00 - 12:30		Measuring what matters in Transfusion Medicine	Manuel Algora
12:30 - 13:00		Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Mass Casualty Response through Laboratory-Driven Drills and Process Optimization	Alex Klobassa
13:00 - 14:00		Lunch / Exhibition	
14:00 - 16:00		Session VI: Blood Bank/Blood Center	
14:00 - 14:30		Moderators: Dr. Hind Alhumaidan & Dr. May Raouf	
14:00 - 14:30		Pathogen Reduction of Platelets: Post Market Evidence of Patient Benefit	Richard Benjamin
14:30 - 15:00		Current topics in donor and donation screening including emerging infections of potential concern	Brian Custer
15:00 - 15:30		Strategies for Malaria testing in blood donors	Naima Oumaziane
15:30 - 16:00		Panel discussion: Brian Custer/ Richard Benjamin/ Naima Oumaziane/ May Raouf	
16:00 - 16:15		Awards for Best e-Posters	
16:00 - 16:15		Closing Ceremony & Final Remarks End of Day 2	

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