

Date Position Begins:	2026.07 / upon posting
Appointment Term:	Three years; potential for reappointment for a second, 3-year term conditional on continued membership on the COT or RCOT
Membership Requirement:	Membership in Central or Regional Committee on Trauma
Participation Structure:	Work Group sits under the Trauma Systems Program Area
Anticipated Duration:	Standing work group
Effort Requirement:	Approximately 2-4 hours per month via Zoom and independent work; Participation in COT Annual Meeting and COT Trauma Meetings during Congress
Experience/Skills Desired:	Expertise in trauma systems, prehospital medicine/EMS, emergency medicine, trauma surgery, transfusion medicine/blood banking, obstetrics or maternal-fetal medicine, performance improvement, hospital blood utilization, massive transfusion, whole blood programs, and/or risk mitigation for transfusions.

Blood Management Work Group Overview

The Blood Management Work Group will provide multidisciplinary expertise and recommendations to the ACS Committee on Trauma on blood-related issues across the continuum of trauma care. The work group will focus on prehospital blood programs, in-hospital blood utilization, and patient safety considerations related to transfusions. The work group will help align evidence-informed practice, trauma system implementation, blood stewardship, quality improvement, and collaboration with national organizations focused on blood availability, safety, and trauma resuscitation.

Blood Management Work Group Deliverable(s)

- Develop COT guidance and/or guidelines for prehospital blood programs, including product selection, storage, transport, administration, transfusion criteria, training, documentation, and quality improvement expectations.
- Develop guidance for in-hospital trauma blood use, including massive transfusion, whole blood and component therapy, blood stewardship, emergency release practices, documentation, and trauma program performance improvement metrics.
- Develop recommendations to support the implementation of risk mitigation strategies related to evolving transfusion practices, including coordination with blood banks, emergency release decision-making, product selection considerations, communication, education, and risk mitigation strategies.
- Collaborate with national organizations focused on blood and trauma resuscitation, including the Prehospital Blood Transfusion Coalition and NHTSA, to align priorities, identify gaps, and support consistent messaging.
- Review blood-related guidance, policy statements, position papers, or endorsement requests submitted to the COT by external organizations and provide recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- Monitor emerging evidence, identify research and education needs, and develop practical tools or educational resources to support trauma centers, EMS agencies, and trauma systems.

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