

Final Program



New Jersey Association of Blood Bank Professionals (NJABBP) Annual Spring Seminar

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Register Today at www.NJABBP.org

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Lake Chateau Banquets
1002 US-9
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

7:00am – 8:30am

Registration and Vendor visits

8:30am – 8:45am

Welcome and Announcements – Manimala Roy, MD - NJABBP President 2022-2023

8:45am – 9:40am

“Updates in Sickle Cell Disease”

Patricia Shi, MD, New York Blood Center

In this session, Dr. Shi will review recent (since 2020) developments in transfusion, drug therapy, and gene therapy in sickle cell disease, focusing on the implications for transfusion medicine.

Level of Instruction: Intermediate Contact hours: 1.0

9:40 am – 10:35am

“Complications – Rare and Common – in Apheresis”

Juliana Guarente, MD and Angelica Vivero, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

This session will cover the basic principles of apheresis, indications for apheresis, and highlight both common and rare adverse events associated with apheresis.

Level of Instruction: Intermediate Contact hours: 1.0

10:35 – 11:35am – Vendor visits

11:35am – 12:30pm

“Navigating the Landscape of a Blood Bank Data Migration and Validation”

Greg Francis, Jr, Korcheck Technologies

This session will seek to empower the attendees with knowledge about a typical data migration and functional validation that is required as part of a blood bank system change or upgrade.

Level of Instruction: Basic Contact hours: 1.0



12:30 pm – 1:30 pm - Lunch Break/Business Meeting/ Scholarship Presentations

1:30 – 2:00 pm – Vendor visits

2:00pm – 3:00pm

“Benefits of Genotype Matching for Red Blood Cell Transfusions”

Stella T. Chou, MD, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

This session will address the prevention and management of alloimmunization using molecular diagnostics for red cell antigen typing, donor matching, and transfusion support.

Level of Instruction: Intermediate Contact hours: 1.0

3:00pm – 4:00 pm

“NJDOH Update/Ask the State”

Robert R. Rees, Jr., MHA, BS MT(ASCP) – Program Manager, NJ Department of Health, Blood Bank Licensing & Regulatory Compliance

This session will provide an update about the Aithent Licensing System (ALiS), the new cloud-based Licensing and Inspections database for the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Services (CLIS) and an open discussion format for questions & answers.

Level of Instruction: Basic Contact hours: 1.0

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Closing remarks and raffles – NJABBP President 2022-2023

