

BLOODSAFE Symposium Agenda

June 18, 2025

*Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya
(in person) & Zoom**

7:30 am	Registration opens
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Opening Remarks

8:15 am	Prof. Meghan Delaney	BLOODSAFE Chairperson
	Prof. Izael Pereira Da Silva	Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation
	Dr Martin Sirengo	CEO, Kenya Blood Transfusion & Transplant Services
	Dr Patrick Amoth	Representative of Hon. Minister of Health Kenya

Morning Session I: BLOODSAFE Projects

9:00 am	Community engagement in blood transfusion at facility-level: First insights from the Community-Facility Transfusion Committees	Pratap Kumar
9:25 am	Dietary characteristics associated with hemoglobin and anemia among a cross-section of prospective first-time voluntary blood donors in Accra, Ghana	Seth Adu-Afarwuah
	Perspectives on use of a WhatsApp-based intervention to promote retention of first-time blood donors in Ghana	Bernard Appiah
9:55 am	Enhancing blood donation rates at Schools and Beyond using Club 25 blood donor program in Malawi: An Implementation Science Study	Prof Mina Hosseinipour
10:20 am	Panel Discussion; Moderator: Prof Meghan Delaney	
10:30 am	Tea Break & Poster Session (40 minutes)	

Morning Session II: Improving Blood Systems

11:10 am	ISBT activities and collaborations in Low- & Middle-Income Countries	Jenny White, Executive Director, International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT)
11:35 am	Building Sustainable Partnerships: Funding Blood Transfusion Services in Africa	Elizabeth Wangia, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank
12:00 pm	Discrete Event Simulation of the Blood Transfusion System	Prof Bopaya Bidanda, Ernest Roth Professor at the Department of Industrial Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh
12:25 pm	Panel Discussion; Moderator: Dr Bridon M'baya	
Meet up for Group Picture		
Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 pm		

Afternoon Session: Transfusion Support for Women and Child Health

2:00 pm	Impact of transfusion in individuals with sickle cell anaemia	Dr. Sophie Mkawasi Uyoga, Molecular Immunologist KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kenya
2:25 pm	Blood availability to support maternal health	Dr Greg Ganda, Obstetrician & Gynecologist, County Minister for Health, Kisumu County, Kenya
2:50 pm	Tea Break (15 Minutes)	
3:05 pm	How can clinical research improve pediatric transfusion practice in SSA?	Dr Aggrey Dhabangi, Pediatric Hematologist, Lecturer at the Child Health and Development Centre (CHDC), School of Medicine, Makerere University, Uganda
3:30 pm	Hemolytic Disease of the Fetus and Newborn (HDFN): Realities and Patient Driven Progress in Kenya	Rose Murage, Allohope Foundation Ambassador to Kenya (Anti-D Antibodies)
3:55 pm	Panel Discussion; Moderator: Ms. Caroline Wesonga Wangamati	
4:15 pm	Closing Remarks	Dr. Meghan Delaney, DO, MPH
4:30 pm	Symposium concludes	

*A Zoom link will be provided via email for individuals who are registered for online attendance.

Evening

7:00 pm	Group dinner at Crafty-Chameleon restaurant (Meals are self-pay) 159 James Gichuru, Nairobi, Kenya
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Leave early! Plan for traffic (up to 1 hour travel) to get from your hotel to the restaurant.