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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Bridget Greiner, ASCLS-IA President

ASCLS-IA and CLMA-Iowa are happy to have the Iowa CoLLABoration back in person on Tuesday, April 11th and 12th at the Kirkwood Hotel Conference Center in Cedar Rapids, IA. We have two days of P.A.C.E. approved credit available to all registrants. Registration information is now available on the ASCLS-IA website under Events > COLLABORATE (Annual State Meeting)

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 319-848-8700 or 877-751-5111 and requesting the "ASCLS-IA/CLMA Spring Meeting" block. Rooms in the block may be requested up until March 20, 2023. We are also taking vendor applications and sponsorships. If you have any in mind, please refer them to Teri Reiff (teri.reiff@commonspirit.org) or Amanda Vaske (Amanda.Vaske@unitypoint.org). More information on this is also listed on the state meeting website under the registration information.

The next ASCLS-IA board meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th from 5-8pm at the Kirkwood Hotel Conference room 166. Our annual business meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th after the last session of the day. Room location to be determined. All are welcome to attend the business meeting. We will be seeking members to fill the following board positions: President-elect, President-elect-elect, Secretary, Board Member, Ascending Professional, and Developing Professional.

I look forward to seeing you at the spring meeting this year.

As I near the end of my year as President, I want to thank you for your continued support of ASCLS. I encourage you to step up and step into a more active role in our society by joining an open position or committee chair on our board. We are looking for new faces and new ideas to be shared. Be the one to make a difference.

Upcoming Dates

**Clinical Laboratory
Educators Conference
(CLEC)**

**March 2 - 4
New Orleans, LA
In Person & Virtual**

**Ask Me Anything: Ideas
to Celebrate Lab Week!**
**March 12 6:00 pm CT
Virtual**

**Interim Board of
Directors Meeting**
**March 19
Virtual**

CoLLABorate 2023
**April 11 - April 12
Cedar Rapids, IA
In Person**

**Check the Calendar of
Events at**
**[https://connect.ascls.org/
events/calendar](https://connect.ascls.org/events/calendar)**



2023 Virtual Lab Week Run

The 2023 Virtual Lab Week Run is still open for registration! Set a goal to participate in this 5K during Medical Laboratory Professionals Week. Spread the word about the profession, have fun with friends and colleagues, be active, and get a one-of-a-kind finisher medal. Sign up today before the packets are all gone! <https://labweekrun.com>

Webinar



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Patient Blood Management: The Why, or Better Yet, Why Not?

March 23, 12 pm Central

Speaker: Carolyn D. Burns, MD

Description: The World Health Organization (WHO) has urged all member states to implement Patient Blood Management (PBM) as the global standard of care. PBM is evidence-based practice which includes management of anemia, optimization of hemostasis, and utilizing multidisciplinary strategies to provide better patient outcomes with a truly patient-centered approach. PBM cannot be successful without a multidisciplinary team. Laboratory professionals possess a special skill set which augments PBM practice and must be a part of a comprehensive PBM program. Learn about PBM and how you are poised to play a key role in solidifying PBM at your institution.

Learning Objectives

1. Discuss the risks of transfusion, the pillars of PBM, and the concept of Blood Health
2. Describe the current state of the science regarding restrictive transfusion practice as part of PBM
3. Recognize the role laboratory professionals play within a comprehensive PBM program

Instruction Level: Intermediate

Register <https://labucate.org/webinars/34271>

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Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (MLPW)

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (MLPW) provides the profession with a unique opportunity to increase public understanding of and appreciation for clinical laboratory personnel.

April 23-29, 2023