



**SOUTH CENTRAL**  
Association of Blood Banks

# SCABBINAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

12pm ET | 11am CT | 10am MT | 9am PT

## DIRECTED DONATIONS AND COVID-VACCINATED BLOOD DONORS

### SESSION DETAILS

#### DESCRIPTION:

Hospitals and blood centers have been confronted with many directed donation requests from individuals asking for blood components from COVID-19 unvaccinated blood donors. Blood donors who have received the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine do not pose a risk to the safety of the blood supply. Information on COVID-19 vaccination or the type of vaccine used is not collected during the donor interview because it is not medically relevant. Hence, it is not possible to label or segregate blood accordingly. While not medically indicated, providing directed donations from COVID-19 unvaccinated donors is also logistically arduous and costly for blood centers and hospitals alike. These challenges & more will be addressed.

#### OBJECTIVES:

1. Describe logistical challenges and risks associated with directed donations
2. Determine how healthcare providers should respond to patients requesting blood from unvaccinated donors.
3. Evaluate if hospitals should be legally required to provide directed donations, charge extra fees, and be able to allow the unit, if unused, to be placed in the general inventory.

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### SPEAKER



**Richard Gammon, MD**  
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Dr. Gammon holds Board Certifications in Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine and Clinical Pathology. He serves as Chair of AABB's Transfusion Safety/Patient Blood Management Subsection, the SCABB Membership Committee and is President Elect of South Central.

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