

AATB Congress 26 Schedule-at-a-Glance

Join us October 4-7, 2026, in San Francisco for AATB Congress, 26, a milestone event marking AATB’s 50th anniversary, the launch of our new brand, and an exciting new chapter as a trade association. Bringing together leaders, innovators, and experts from across the tissue and biologics community, Congress 26 will offer opportunities to learn, connect, and collaborate while helping shape the future of our field. Explore the schedule below and start planning your congress experience.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

11:00am - 5:00pm	Registration
12:00pm - 6:00pm	Exhibitor Move-In
1:00pm – 4:30pm	AATB Council Meetings

Please note that all session times are listed in Pacific Time (PT).

Concurrent Session Key

ATBC	Accredited Tissue Banks Council Track
BTC	Birth Tissue Council Track
CARE	C.A.R.E. Committee (Culture of Respect • Access for All • Recognition of Value • Empowerment to Grow)
DFSC	Donor Family Services Council Track
P&D	Processing and Distribution Council Track
PHY	Physicians Council Track
QC	Quality Council Track
RADE	Recovery and Donor Eligibility Council Track
REG	Regulatory Track
STAC	Scientific and Technical Affairs Committee Track

Monday, October 5, 2026

6:30am - 5:00pm	Registration	
7:30am - 5:00pm	Exhibits Open	
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast	First-Time Attendee Welcome – Breakfast Included
8:30am - 10:00am	Welcome Remarks Keynote Presentation: TBD	
10:00am - 10:30am	Break (Exhibit Hall)	
10:30am - 11:45am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS I	

	PHY 1: Considerations for Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb) Culture and Molecular Testing of Donated Human Tissues	BTC 1: Submitting your Birth Tissue Product to FDA as a Drug or Device	ATBC 1: The Future of Tissue Transport	RADE 1: Evolving Approaches to Donor Screening	CARE 1: Breaking the Wall: Current Industry Climate and How Organizations Are Navigating It	International Session
11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch					
1:00pm - 2:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS II					
	REG 1: FDA/CBER Update	DFSC 1: Bridging the Gap Between Loss and Life via EMS	P&D 1: Processing – Past, Present, Future	Modernizing Donor Services with AI: How One Tissue Processor is Leveraging Agent AI and Intelligent Automation to Transform Potential Donor Screening and Tissue Receipt Operations	PHY 2: Rabies and Beyond: Revisiting Viral Risks in Tissue Banking in an Era of Emerging Pathogens	CTBS Recertification Process with Q&A
2:15pm - 2:45pm	Break (Exhibit Hall)					
2:45pm - 4:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS III					
	REG 2: A Regulatory Guide for the Promotional Side – Making Marketing Happen	STAC 1: Spotlight and 2025 Grant Recipient: Effect of AATB Standard D5.400 on Donor Cell Viability of Partial Heart Transplant Grafts	QC1: Adapting a QMS from Tissue/Device to Biologics	RADE 2: Physical Assessment Findings: Identification, Interpretation, and Action	Closing the Gap for Our Smallest Donors: Understanding the Risks of Missed Opportunities for Our Littlest Heroes in Transplantation, Research, and Advancing Medicine	DFSC 2: From Authorization to Funeral Arrangement: Strengthening the Continuum of Care for Donor Families

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Tuesday, October 6, 2026

6:30am - 5:00pm	Registration					
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast					
7:30am - 5:00pm	Exhibits Open					
8:30am - 10:00am	Welcome Remarks & Annual Business Meeting Plenary Session 1: TBD					
10:00am - 10:30am	Break (Exhibit Hall)					
10:30am - 11:45am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV					
	PHY 3: Navigating Complexity: Determining Eligibility in Deceased Tissue Donation	BTC 2: Developing a Birth Tissue Based 351 Biologic Therapeutic	P&D 2: Distribution – Past, Present, Future	CARE 2: Hybrid Connections: Culture, Collaboration, and Career Growth	ATBC 2: Operationalizing Culture: Linking Coaching, Capabilities, and Performance Through Talent Analytics	OPO Roundtable
11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch (Exhibit Hall)					
1:00pm - 2:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS V					
	ATBC 3: Utilizing Automation to Improve Deceased Donor Record Review	Beyond the Bench: Identifying and Managing Non-Clinical Risks in Tissue Banking Operations	DFSC 3: When the World Moves On: The Power of Donor Family Grief Support	RADE 3: Updates from the AATB Ad Hoc Infectious Disease Testing Committee		
2:15pm - 2:45pm	Break (Exhibit Hall)					
2:45pm - 4:00pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS VI					
	CARE 3: Building Inclusion: A Look Back to Move Forward	BTC 3: CMS Changes in Legislation and the Impact on the Birth Tissue Industry	PHY 4: When the Final Answer Changes Everything: Unexpected Autopsy Findings in Donor Eligibility	QC 2: Continuous Improvement: Rebranding Quality as an Agent of Change	The US Navy Tissue Bank and the Founding of The American Association of Tissue Banks	
7:00pm - 10:00pm	AATB 50 th Anniversary Celebration					

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Wednesday, October 7, 2026

7:15am - 12:00pm	Registration					
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast					
7:30am - 10:45am	Exhibits Open					
9:00am - 10:00am	Closing Remarks Plenary Session II: TBD					
10:00am - 10:30am	Break (Exhibit Hall)					
10:30am - 11:45am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS VII					
	QC 3: Sentinel Events that Shaped our Industry	P&D 3: Aseptic and Irradiated Tissue Processing: Methods, Controls, and Device Integration	REG 4: The Intersection of Consensus Standards and Submissions – How They’re Made, How They Help	STAC 2: 2026 Grant Recipient Presentations	AATB Accreditation Policies: What’s New for 2027 and Beyond	HR Session
10:45am - 2:00pm	Exhibit Tear Down					

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Educational Credits

AATB Certified Tissue Banking Specialist (CTBS) – 16 CEU max
 EBAA Certified Eye Bank Technician (CEBT) – 16 CEU max
 CME – 5 max