

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 – 2:00pm	Birth Tissue Council Meeting	Processing and Distribution Council Meeting	Quality Council Meeting
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Physicians Council Meeting		
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Donor Family Services Council Meeting	Recovery & Donor Eligibility Council Meeting	Regulatory Affairs Council Meeting
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Scientific & Technical Affairs Council Meeting		

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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 Council 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: How Health Care Decisions Are Really Made in DC: A Conversation with Andy Slavitt	
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: Improving Organ Allocation through Autonomous Transportation	RADE 1: Evolving Approaches to Donor Screening	CARE 1: Breaking the Wall: Current Industry Climate and How Organizations Are Navigating It	
11:45am - 1:00pm	Lunch & Abstract Poster Presentations					
1:00pm - 2:15pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS II					
	REG 1: FDA 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 Agentic 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: Building a License-Ready Biologics Quality System: Operationalizing the transition from 21 CFR Part 1271 (Good Tissue Practice) to 21 CFR 210/211 (Good Manufacturing Practice)care	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	Evaluating Donors for Systemic Infection: What Recovery and Quality Professionals Need to Know

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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 Plenary Session 1: OPO Roundtable: The Changing Organ Procurement Organization Landscape and Its Potential Impact on Tissue Banks					
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: Allograft Management and Distribution: Past, Present and Future	CARE 2: Hybrid Connections: Culture, Collaboration, and Career Growth	ATBC 2: Operationalizing Culture: Linking Coaching, Capabilities, and Performance Through Talent Analytics	
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 2: When the World Moves On: The Power of Donor Family Grief Support	RADE 3: Updates from the AATB Ad Hoc Infectious Disease Testing Committee	REG 3: Homecoming at the AATB Congress 2026 – A Roundtable Renaissance in Section 361 Regulation	The AATB Data Initiative: Efforts to Standardize and Capture Data to Support the Tissue Ecosystem
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	ATBC 4: Closing the Loop: Connecting Clinical Recovery, Quality & Training
7:00pm - 10:00pm	AATB 50 th Anniversary Celebration					

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Wednesday, October 7, 2026

7:15am - 12:00pm	Registration					
7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast					
7:30am - 10:45am	Exhibits Open					
9:00am - 10:00am	Closing Remarks					
	Plenary Session II: The Human Impact of Donation: Stories of Legacy and Healing					
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 Abstract Winner/Spotlight Session	AATB Accreditation Policies: What's New for 2027 and Beyond	Leading Through the Next Disruption
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 – 9.50 max