

Cellular Therapies

Special Interest Group

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Short term goals

(<6 months)

- Develop a 3 year strategic plan for the Cellular Therapy SIG (CT-SIG) in line with BBTS mission and strategic goals
- Setup a co-ordinating committee comprised of individuals working within the cellular therapies across the public sector, academia, government and biotech/pharma/reagents industries.
- Develop a terms of reference (ToR) for the CT-SIG co-ordinating committee, CT-SIG meetings and special events.

(6-12 months)

- Work with BBTS staff to produce one day cell therapy events
- Joint BBTS/BATB combined therapies workshop

Draft Terms of Reference

- Provide a forum for interaction between individuals working within and interested in the cellular therapies including technical, scientific and clinical topics.
- Provide a forum for exchange of information between those members seeking to increase competency, quality, safety/efficacy and develop best practice.
- Provide a forum for the distribution of relevant news, regulatory updates and key developments/changes in the field.
- Encourage the sharing of ideas, state of the art methodologies and novel developments through both formal presentation and informal discussion to aid in the development of future novel cellular therapies.
- Increase access to educational opportunities in the cellular therapies
- Encourage closer working and the development of joint educational programs between the BBTS Cellular Therapy SIG and other international organisations i.e. AABB Cellular Therapies teams & BATB

Longer term goals

(12-36 months)

- Based on input from delegates
 - Clinical i.e. routine practice
 - R&D i.e/ pre-clinical and clinical trial manufacturing
 - Regulatory landscape
 - Education
- Based on input from the CT SIG co-ordinating committee
- Decide what not to do i.e. not reinventing the wheel!

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