

# Schedule at a Glance

## Wednesday, October 5

3:00-4:00 IMSS Planning Committee

4:00-5:30 ASCLS Region VIII Council

## Thursday, October 6

7:00-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:30 Opening Ceremony and Announcements

8:30-9:30 Keynote (Session 1)

9:30-9:45 Networking Break

9:45-10:45 General Session (Session 2)

10:45-1:15 Lunch with Exhibitors

1:30-2:30 Breakout Sessions (Sessions 3, 4, and 5)

2:30-2:45 Networking Break

2:45-3:45 Breakout Sessions (Sessions 6, 7, and 8)

3:45-4:00 Networking Break

4:00-5:00 General Session (Session 9)

5:30-6:30 Appetizers and cash bar with the Exhibitors;

Silent Auction with proceeds benefiting

the Region VIII Leadership Academy

## Friday, October 7

7:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-9:30 General Session (Session 10)

9:30-9:45 Networking Break

9:45-10:45 General Session (Session 11)

10:45-11:30 ASCLS Region VIII Awards and ASCLS Updates

11:30-1:30 Lunch with Exhibitors

1:30-2:30 Breakout Sessions (Sessions 12, 13, and 14)

2:30-2:45 Networking Break

2:45-3:45 Breakout Sessions (Sessions 15, 16, and 17)

3:45-4:00 Networking Break

4:00-5:00 Breakout Sessions (Sessions 18, 19, and 20)

5:30-8:30 Social – “Let’s Gather One More Time!”

## Saturday, October 8

7:00-7:30 Registration

7:30-8:30 Round tables (Session 21)

8:45-9:45 Breakout Sessions (Sessions 22 and 23)

9:45-10:00 Networking Break

10:00-11:00 Breakout Sessions (Session 24 and 25)

## All events taking place at the Snow King Hotel and Resort

*Program schedule is tentative and subject to change. Visit IMSS Website for most up to date information: <https://asclregion8.org/IMSS>*

## **Online Registration is available at:**

<http://asclsregion8.org/IMSS/registration/>

Paper registration is also available; to download a paper form, go to:

<http://asclsregion8.org/IMSS/registration/>

Join ASCLS prior to registering for IMSS and get a great discount on your registration fee. Go to <https://ascls.org/join/> , join ASCLS and submit your new member number with your IMSS registration

Please visit the website for additional information:

<http://asclsregion8.org/IMSS/>

**ALL SESSIONS, ASSEMBLIES AND EXHIBITS TO BE HELD AT  
THE SNOW KING HOTEL AND RESORT  
400 E. SNOW KING AVENUE JACKSON, WY**

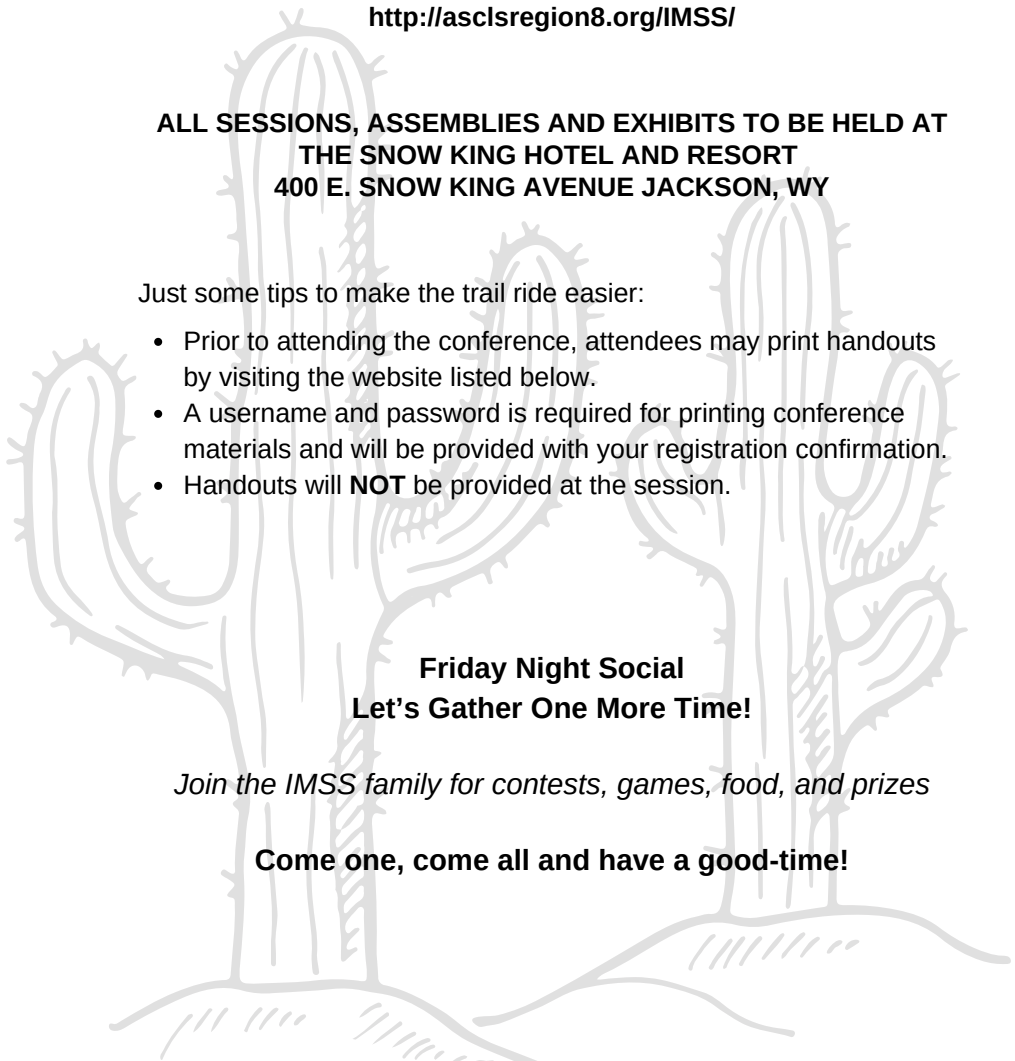
Just some tips to make the trail ride easier:

- Prior to attending the conference, attendees may print handouts by visiting the website listed below.
- A username and password is required for printing conference materials and will be provided with your registration confirmation.
- Handouts will **NOT** be provided at the session.

**Friday Night Social  
Let's Gather One More Time!**

*Join the IMSS family for contests, games, food, and prizes*

**Come one, come all and have a good-time!**



# Hotel Information

Room blocks are available during the conference for attendees:  
**Mention Intermountain States Seminar (IMSS) when making reservations.**

## **Snow King Hotel and Resort**

400 East Snow King Avenue Jackson Hole, WY 83001  
800-522-5464

Room Rate: \$159/night +\$37/ night resort fee + taxes for sgl/dbl

\$169/night triples/\$179/night quads + resort fee + taxes

**Room block is very limited – reserve as soon as possible!**

## **Mountain Modern**

380 W. Broadway, Jackson Hole, WY 83001  
307-733-4340x1

Room Rate: 20% discount on any rooms available

**Room block remains open until September 5, 2022**

## **Golden Eagle Inn**

325 E. Broadway, Jackson, WY 83001  
307-733-2042

Room Rate: \$160.00/night +tax

**Room block remains open until August 26, 2022**

## **Four Winds Motel**

150 N. Millward St., Jackson, WY 83001  
307-733-2474

Room Rate: \$150.00/night + tax

**Room block remains open until September 1, 2022**

## **Visit the IMSS Website!**

<http://asclsregion8.org/IMSS/imss-2022/accommodations/>

## **Like us on Facebook!**

at Intermountain States Seminar (IMSS) Check for new information daily!

## **Scientific Assembly Breakfast Round tables**

Saturday Morning 7:30am – 8:30am

Informal round table discussions will center on current issues in laboratory practice.

# Thank You to Our Exhibitors!

(Find the up-to-date list on the website)

**Cepheid**

**ARUP**

**Greiner Bio-OneDiasorin/Luminex**

**SysmexEliTech**

**T2 Biosystems**

**GFMD**

**AbbottImmucor**

**bioMerieux**

**Roche**

**SLHSMedical Chemical Corp**

**General Water TechnologiesWerfen**

**Rush UniversityKurin**

**BeckmanOrtho/Quidel**

**The Binding SiteSebia-USA**

## Exhibitor Schedule at a Glance:

Exhibitor Hall located in the Snow King Resort  
400 East Snow King Avenue  
Jackson, WY

Thursday, October 6, 2022

10:45 am – 1:15 pm: Lunch with Exhibitors

5:00 – 7:30: Appetizers and Silent Auction with Exhibitors

**Information about the Silent Auction can be found at:**

<http://asclsregion8.org/imss/>

Friday, October 7, 2022

11:30am – 1:30pm: Lunch with the Exhibitors

## Silent Auction

If you haven't done so already, consider donating items for the Silent Auction! Bring your donated items to the Silent Auction Table at the Snow King Resort Thursday Morning

On Thursday evening, October 6, 2022,

*The Silent Auction begins at 5:00 pm*

*Final bids will close at 6:45 pm*

Come Early! Stay Late! Bid High! Bid Often!  
Support the Region VIII Leadership Academy!

# General Sessions

Thursday, October 6, 2022

8:30 - 9:30am

Keynote Session (Session 1)

## **Turning Adversity into Quality in the Clinical Laboratory** **Dr. Michael Astion**

In this session we go right at some of the tougher issues in improving lab quality. These include managing disruptive behavior, improving work culture, managing pathologists who prefer to avoid harder lab quality issues, and turning around sections of the lab that are in distress. The methods discussed are not expensive, but they are not easy. Tips, tricks, and procedures will be shared to make the quality journey a little bit easier. You will laugh, you will cry and we will all grow and improve.

Thursday, October 6, 2022

9:45 – 10:45am

General Session (Session 2)

## **Advocating with the C-Suite** **Rick Panning**

Advocacy for our profession is often described in terms the activities we care out with regulators, legislative and the public. This session will describe the benefits of advocating within our workplace organization, specifically with the leadership (i.e. the C-Suite). Raising awareness and demonstrating how the laboratory impacts the quality and finances of a healthcare institution will elevate the profession

Thursday, October 6, 2022

4:00 – 5:00pm

General Session (Session 9)

## **Moving the Practice of Transfusion Medicine into the Future of Healthcare** **Dr. Walter Kelley**

The challenges of professionals working in the current blood banking environment will be discussed. The variety of training and educational pathways will be discussed. Opportunities for individual growth and professional education will be presented. The impact of cutting edge developments in blood banking on career directions and opportunities will be discussed.

# General Sessions, cont.

Friday, October 7, 2022

8:30 – 9:30am

General Session (Session 10).

**As Time Goes By**

**Jewell Zweegman**

As time goes by, will you make sure that you remember the good times, have you learned from the bad. We all need to reflect but on what? As Time Goes By hmmm.....

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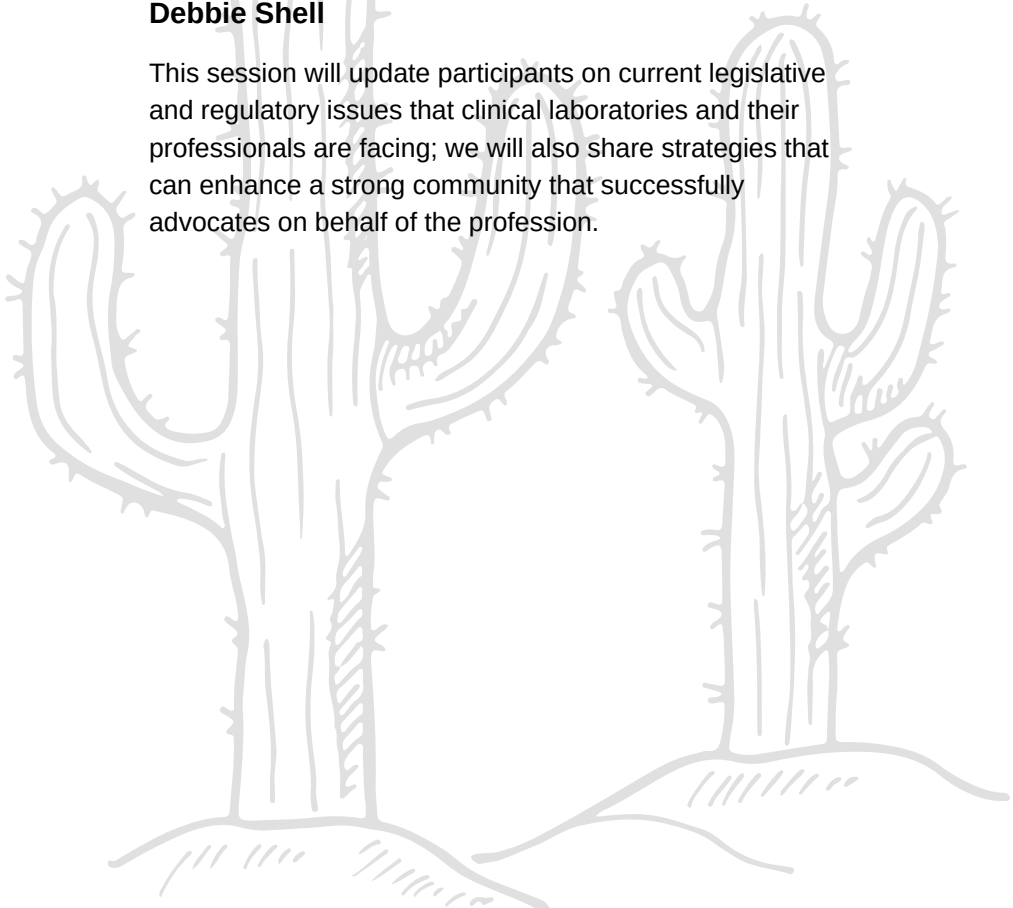
9:45 – 10:45am

General Session (Session 11).

**Community Power in Advocacy**

**Debbie Shell**

This session will update participants on current legislative and regulatory issues that clinical laboratories and their professionals are facing; we will also share strategies that can enhance a strong community that successfully advocates on behalf of the profession.



# Thursday Breakout Sessions

Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:30 – 2:30pm

## Session 3: Choosing the Correct ANA Methodology **David Tomichek**

This session examines the various methods for ANA detection: IFA, EIA and MBIA. It discusses the strengths and weaknesses of each method and their role in choosing the appropriate algorithm.

## Session 4: Handling those Tricky Specimens, What's a Tech to Do? **Becky Socha**

Autovalidation of normal results in today's clinical laboratories provides lab techs with time to investigate abnormal and problematic samples. This session will discuss factors that can adversely affect sample integrity and suggestions for troubleshooting spurious WBC and RBC counts. Cases will be reviewed to identify causes of unreportable WBC counts, flagged reticulocyte counts, and abnormal RBC indices. Steps will be followed using clues from the sample and the patient's history, so problematic samples results can be accurately reported.

## Session 5: Implementation of POC Molecular COVID Testing During a Pandemic **Mary Hammel**

Implementing a point of care molecular platform on a large scale during a pandemic presents unique opportunities and barriers. This session will provide an overview of how a large hospital system was able to accomplish this task quickly.

# Thursday Breakout Sessions, cont.

Thursday, October 6, 2022 2:45 – 3:45pm

## Session 6: NTproBNP - Past, Present and Future

**Alexander Fohl, PharmD**

This session will be a discussion of the use of NTproBNP and how it has impacted the treatment and monitoring of Heart Failure and potential future use in Type 2 Diabetes.

## Session 7: And The Verdict Is...

**Shanise Keith**

This presentation will discuss real-life legal cases involving phlebotomy-related injuries, how they were caused, and how to avoid them. Cases will be examined to determine how injury could have been prevented if the standards had been properly followed, and who was ultimately at fault – the healthcare professional or the facility.

## Session 8: So You Want to Be a Consultant?

**J.R. Constance**

Session will begin with of a brief overview of non-CLIA Laboratory consulting focused on cost savings and process redesign, with the remaining time consisting of group participation in a semi-game show atmosphere where the host will ask consulting related questions and then give audience an opportunity to choose from multiple choice answers using their smart phone or tablet, with discussion following each question. Prizes will be awarded.



# Friday Breakout Sessions

Friday, October 7, 2022 • 1:30 – 2:30 pm

## Session 12: Microbiology and Your Grocery List

**Andrea Prinzi**

Can the organisms that make us sick also play an important role in food production? Learn about the microbes that show up in both the clinical microbiology laboratory and the food on your dinner plate.

## Session 13: Work Life Balance, Achievable but Takes Effort

**Rick Panning**

Work-Life balance is a topic often discussed as a goal we all try to achieve but often seems unattainable. This session will review some basic principles that we all can put into place to help us work toward balance in our work and personal lives. This starts with being clear on what our values are and how we prioritize them. Equally important is how we prioritize what we are trying to achieve at work and focusing on those things that are the most important. At a time when personnel shortages seem to be prevalent in our profession and burnout seems all too common, our ability to achieve this much-needed balance is more important than ever.

## Session 14: Cytokines and COVID-19

**Lisa Peterson**

Cytokines are important mediators of inflammation. In this session, we will review the current knowledge of COVID-19 associated cytokines, their roles in host immune and inflammatory responses, the clinical significance and utility of cytokine immunoassays in COVID-19 patients, as well as the challenges in implementation and interpretation of cytokine immunoassays.

# Friday Breakout Sessions, cont.

Friday, October 7, 2022 • 2:45 – 3:45 pm

## Session 15: **Parasite Panels vs. Routine Methods: Pros and Cons**

**Lynne Garcia**

The session will discuss newer practical diagnostic methods (including molecular panels), review of organism pathogenicity of panel targets, pros and cons of molecular methods vs routine methods, issues related to non-pathogens, and reporting comments. As neglected parasitic infections become more widely recognized, the need for better patient care continues to expand.

## Session 16: **Clinical Chemistry Review**

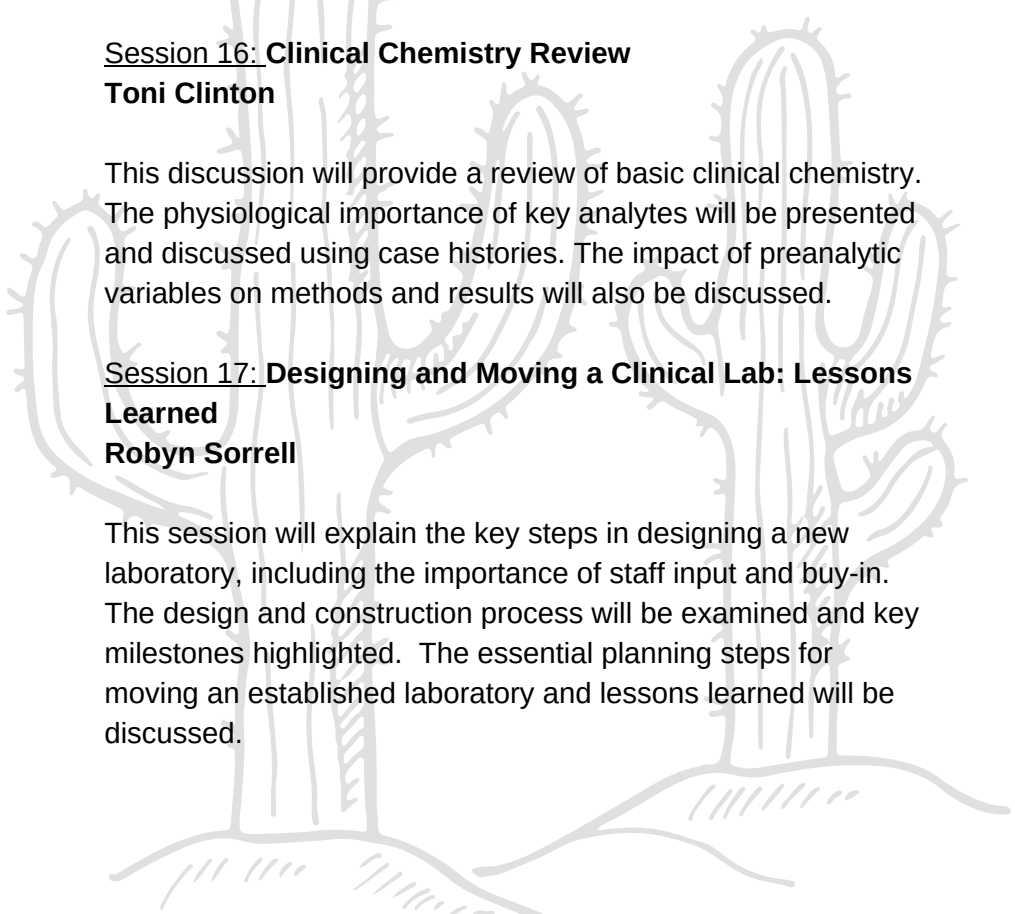
**Toni Clinton**

This discussion will provide a review of basic clinical chemistry. The physiological importance of key analytes will be presented and discussed using case histories. The impact of preanalytic variables on methods and results will also be discussed.

## Session 17: **Designing and Moving a Clinical Lab: Lessons Learned**

**Robyn Sorrell**

This session will explain the key steps in designing a new laboratory, including the importance of staff input and buy-in. The design and construction process will be examined and key milestones highlighted. The essential planning steps for moving an established laboratory and lessons learned will be discussed.



# Friday Breakout Sessions, cont.

Friday, October 7, 2022 4:00 – 5:00pm

Session 18: TBD

Session 19: Thromboelastography

**Michael Brown, MD, FCAP, TBD**

Session 20: Can We Make the Umbrella Big Enough? Safely updating blood donor eligibility to ensure adequate availability of blood products.

Dr. Walter Kelley

The US FDA has updated blood donor criteria. It is critically important that laboratory professionals understand these updates. Knowledgeable laboratory staff can address the concerns of other medical professionals regarding the safety of the blood supply, and serve as a source of correct information to the public. Discussion of ongoing scientific investigation of blood donor safety will also be discussed.

## Saturday Scientific Assembly Roundtables

Session 21: Breakfast 7:30-8:30 am

- 1. Management: Abbey Wichman, Facilitator**
- 2. Microbiology: Erika Buchanan, Facilitator**
- 3. Hematology: Kristine Hodson, Facilitator**
- 4. Immunohematology: TBD, Facilitator**
- 5. Chemistry: Lisa Platter, Facilitator**

# Saturday Breakout Sessions

Saturday, October 8, 2022 • 8:45 – 9:45 am

## **Session 22: Patient Blood Management Certification; One Hospital's Journey**

**Melissa Siemsen and Jennifer Wolcott**

Patient Blood Management Certification through the Joint Commission is a fairly new and unknown process. This session will explain more about Patient Blood Management, and what is involved in becoming a PBM certified institution. The presenters will offer a glimpse into how St. Vincent Healthcare became the 7th hospital in the United States to attain this certification.

## **Session 23: Shining a Freelite on Monoclonal Gammopathies** **Dr. Aigars Brants**

Have you been looking to learn more about monoclonal gammopathies? Get enLITEd with Dr. Brants on how Freelite results, together with other relevant tests are used to diagnose and monitor multiple myeloma, the 3rd most common hematologic cancer.

Saturday, October 8, 2022 • 10:00 – 11:00 am

## **Session 24: 50 Years of Hematology, Past and Present** **Keila Poulsen**

This workshop will travel through 50 years of advancing, learning, evolving, and celebrating all that a lifetime of Hematology can bring. A discussion on how and why morphology has expanded from FAB to WHO. Finally, the evolution of instrumentation plus the advancement in treatments will demonstrate improvements in diagnosis and prognosis.

## **Session 25: The Performance and Utility of POC and OTC Molecular Tests for Detection of Pathogens** **Steve Young**

This session will be a discussion of the performance characteristics of several molecular point of care (POC) and over the counter (OTC) assays that are now commercially available to healthcare facilities or directly to the patient/consumer. Dr. Young will also present several ideas regarding deployment of these tests in any healthcare facility.