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Councils represent the viewpoints of the various disciplines that relate to tissue recovery, processing, storage, distribution, and transplantation. Each council consists of individual and institutional members of the association interested in that particular discipline or council. There is no minimum or maximum number of members that may serve on a particular council. Each council may recommend standards for tissue banking to the Standards Committee as well as educational or scientific programs to be presented at meetings of the association. [Join a council today by clicking here.](#)

## Accredited Tissue Banks Council

The ATBC consists of Individual Members, each of whom has been designated by his/her respective Accredited Institutional Member to serve as its representative on the Council. The Accredited Tissue Bank Council (ATBC) provides its members with the opportunity to participate and collaborate on issues affecting accredited tissue banks. Officers: Co-Chair [George Herrera](#) of Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) – Edison and Co-Chair [Beverly Bliss](#) of RTI Donor Services. Read more about the [ATBC](#).

## Physicians Council

The Physicians Council serves as an educational forum for physicians to discuss issues related to tissue banking, donor suitability, or the medical application of tissue products. The Physicians Council consists of Individual Members, Affiliated Member Representatives (AMR) and Emeritus Members legally authorized to practice medicine, dentistry or osteopathy, and who work or have an interest in tissue banking for transplantation or non-anatomical donation/use for education, provided that Individual Members, AMRs and Emeritus Members who previously were authorized to practice but are now retired from practice may serve on the Physicians Council. Officers: Chair [Lennox Archibald](#), M.D., of RTI Donor Services and Vice Chair [Laurie Sutor](#) of Transplant Services Center – Dallas. Read more about the [Physicians Council](#).

## Processing & Distribution Council

The P&D Council has involvement in relevant AATB task forces and activities focusing on areas such as emergency preparedness, packaging qualification/validations, reimbursement, and the regulatory environment (US & OUS). Officers: Chair [Jeffrey Cartmell](#) of MTF and Vice Chair [Tina Trimble](#) of Bone Bank Allografts. Read more about the [P&D Council](#).

## Quality Council

The Quality Council reviews and suggests changes to AATB standards as well as best practices related to quality systems. Officers: Chair [Jackie Warn](#) of DCI Donor Services and Vice Chair [Jennifer “Jen” Drago](#) of Advanced Quality Resources. Read more about the [Quality Council](#).

## Recovery & Donor Suitability Council

The R&DS Council is a forum for those interested in donor recovery, screening, suitability assessment, and/or family support services to meet and collaborate on relevant topics. Officers: Chair [Ronda Horstman](#) of CryoLife Inc. and Vice Chair [Louis Jares](#) of MTF – Edison. Read more about the [R&DS Council](#).

## Reproductive Council

The Reproductive Council is a forum for members to exchange, communicate, and develop ideas related to reproductive tissue (sperm, oocytes and embryos) collection, processing, storage, and distribution. Officers: Chair [Jaime Shamonki](#), M.D., of California Cryobank LLC and Vice Chair [Michelle Ottey](#) of Fairfax Cryobank. Read more about the [Reproductive Council](#).