

**ISBT Platelet Immunobiology Working Party**  
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The ISBT Working Party on Platelet Immunobiology has decided to install **two subcommittees** with defined responsibilities. A major objective for both subcommittees is the development of ISBT Platelet Standards: recommendations on platelet immunology testing and standardization (Subcommittee on Quality) and on clinical and diagnostic procedures (Subcommittee on Clinical Guidance). All suggestions and recommendations made by the subcommittees will need final approval by the Working Party before they are released.

Subcommittees are open to all members of the Working Party. Corporate representatives may observe, but cannot participate in the subcommittees. The Chairs of the Working Party will actively participate in the work of both subcommittees. Subcommittees shall elect a chairperson and may lay down working principles, as required.

**Subcommittee on Quality in Platelet Immunology**

***Aim:***

The Subcommittee on Quality in Platelet Immunology shall actively support the Working Party in the preparation and release of recommendations on platelet testing based on literature, workshop results, and inter-laboratory comparisons organized through the Working Party. Specific requirements related to the availability of resources in different regions of the world shall be addressed. The subcommittee shall also be actively involved in the preparation, execution and evaluation of the biannual Platelet Immunology Workshop, together with local organizers. The subcommittee shall discuss further standardization in platelet immunology testing and provide standard protocols and/or material through the Working Party. Scientific work required prior to the final acknowledgement of new human platelet antigens (HPA) through the Working Party shall be conducted by the subcommittee.

***Members:***

Brian Curtis, Milwaukee, United States  
Núria Nogues Galvez, Barcelona, Spain  
Rachel Petermann, Paris, France  
Sentot Santoso, Giessen, Germany

**Sub-committee on Clinical Guidance in Platelet Immunology**

***Aim:***

The Subcommittee on Clinical Guidance in Platelet Immunology shall develop diagnostic and clinical pathways and recommendations for areas in which immunological platelet disorders affect patient care including, but not restricted to, platelet transfusion refractoriness, defined HPA incompatibilities, fetal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia, immune thrombocytopenia; based on literature, workshop results, and registries organized through the Working Party. Specific requirements related to the availability of resources in different regions of the world shall be addressed. The subcommittee shall interact with other scientific organizations such as, ISTH, whenever advisable. The subcommittee shall develop and moderate communication platforms to make its efforts visible and to enable health care professionals to access the subcommittee's recommendations and to discuss specific clinical cases with experts in the field.

***Members:***

Gerald Bertrand, Rennes, France  
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