



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** July 23, 2024  
**Re:** Low Yield Pooled Platelets

### **Background**

Carter BloodCare offers whole blood derived pooled platelets as a therapeutic equivalent to apheresis platelets. Additionally, some of these products contain a platelet yield that falls below  $3.0 \times 10^{11}$  which is considered the standard yield for a unit of apheresis or pooled platelets. To increase the community supply and availability of platelet products, we are offering low yield pooled platelets for transfusion needs.

### **Client Action**

Carter BloodCare should have this product available on September 10, 2024 and as manufacturing conditions allow. Please be prepared to accept low yield pooled platelets into your transfusion service.

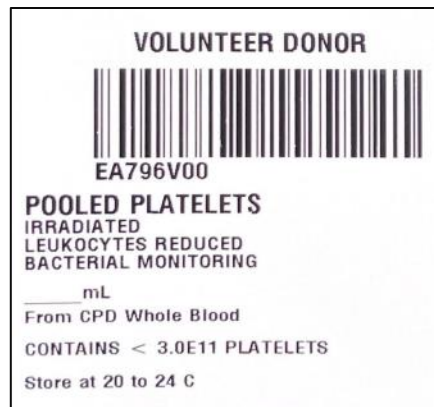
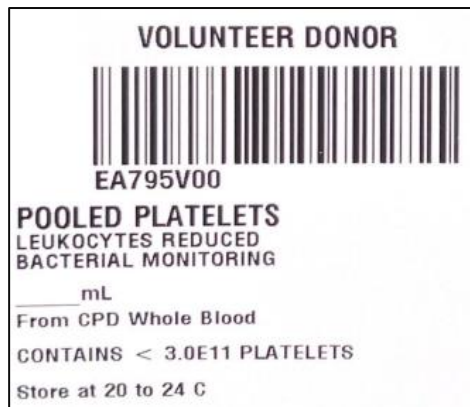
### **Low Yield Pooled Platelets**

- Imugard™ platelets are a pool of whole blood-derived platelet concentrates prepared by the blood center. The pool is sampled for bacterial contamination detection by the same method used for apheresis platelets, and the pool is leukoreduced. The pooling method and storage bag allow for 7-day storage. All units in the pool will have the same ABO type. The units may have the same Rh type or may be of mixed Rh type, in which case they will be labeled as “pooled” Rh type.
- Each Low Yield Pooled Platelet will contain a yield between  $2.5 - 2.9 \times 10^{11}$ . The final product yield will be documented on each individual unit.
- This product is not eligible for returns. Hospital Services/Distribution will confirm acceptance with your laboratory prior to shipping out any low yield products.
- Pricing will mirror the low yield apheresis platelet products (E5075) listed on your Blood Service Fee Schedule.

**ISBT Code   Product Description**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Product Description</b>
EA795	POOLED PLATELETS CPD/XX/20-24C ResLeu:<5E6 <3E11 plts Bacterial Monitoring
EA796	POOLED PLATELETS CPD/XX/20-24C Irradiated ResLeu:<5E6 <3E11 plts Bacterial Monitoring

**Product Code Barcode Examples**



Carter BloodCare’s Medical Director team is available for consultation and to address any questions your clinician team may have regarding these platelets.

Please contact [hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org) with any questions or concerns.