

To: Carter BloodCare Customers

From: Hospital Relations

Date: September 13, 2024

Re: Platelet Inventory

Overview:

The current platelet supply is not sufficient to meet daily demand levels based on the projected collection outlook. Inventory levels are expected to remain low next week. We are actively looking for opportunities to import platelets, but availability is limited.

Low yield platelets will be offered to increase the community supply and availability of platelet products when available. Please ensure that your facility is able to accept low yield platelets into your LIS system.

Impact to Clients:

- Please maintain platelet inventory at minimal levels.
- Please consider releasing platelets after procedures or after imminent need has passed.
- Platelet rotation orders may not be filled at 100%.

Client Action Required:

- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.
- Please consider triaging platelet orders at your facility to most efficiently use this product.
- Please cooperate with hospital services as we triage each platelet order.
- Please encourage colleagues, friends, and family to donate. Carter BloodCare's "Share the Need" toolkit is available <u>here</u>.

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact <u>hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org</u> with any concerns. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.