



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: January 14, 2026
Re: CPD Red Blood Cell Shortage

Update

The shortage of CPD collection kits remains ongoing. At this time, we do not have an estimated resolution date, but we will provide updates as soon as additional information becomes available.

Background

Carter BloodCare has been notified of a shortage of the collection kit used to produce Citrate-Phosphate-Dextrose (CPD) red blood cell units. This only affects the production of red blood cell units that only contain the CPD anticoagulant-preservative. The manufacturer has informed us that these collection kits will not be available until approximately December 17, 2025. This shortage does not affect the normal inventory of collection kits used to manufacture AS-5 red blood cell units or the CPDA-1 Low Titer Group O Whole Blood units.

Impact to Clients

- CPD red blood cell units will temporarily be unavailable
- Projections indicate that the current inventory of these collection kits will be exhausted in the next couple of days
- Notify staff and medical director as applicable
- The Circular of Information can be found at <https://www.cbcspecialtyservices.org/> click on Licenses and Accreditations with additional information on the Contents of Anticoagulant-Preservative and Additive Solutions.

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.