

To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: February 4, 2026
Re: Post Winter Storm Blood Supply Update

Background

The winter storm that impacted our service area last week is still affecting the red blood cell inventory. Currently, the platelet and low titer group O whole blood (LTOWB) inventory has stabilized. The O-Rh positive and all Rh-negative red blood cell inventory remains below optimal levels. (Optimal levels are based on projected inventory needed to meet demand.)

Specific Low Inventory to Highlight:

O Positive Red Cell Inventory is at 35% of Optimal
O Negative Red Cell Inventory is at 47% of Optimal.
A Negative Red Cell Inventory is at 57% of Optimal
B Negative Red Cell Inventory is at 10% of Optimal.

The demand for group O red blood cells continues to outpace collections and inventory levels are persistently declining.

Please encourage family, friends and colleagues to donate blood. The following toolkits are available for your use to help drive awareness and blood donations. [Carter BloodCare Share the Need.](#)

Questions and Additional Information:

Your understanding has been sincerely appreciated, and we are grateful for the partnerships that we enjoy with you in the service of your patients. Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.