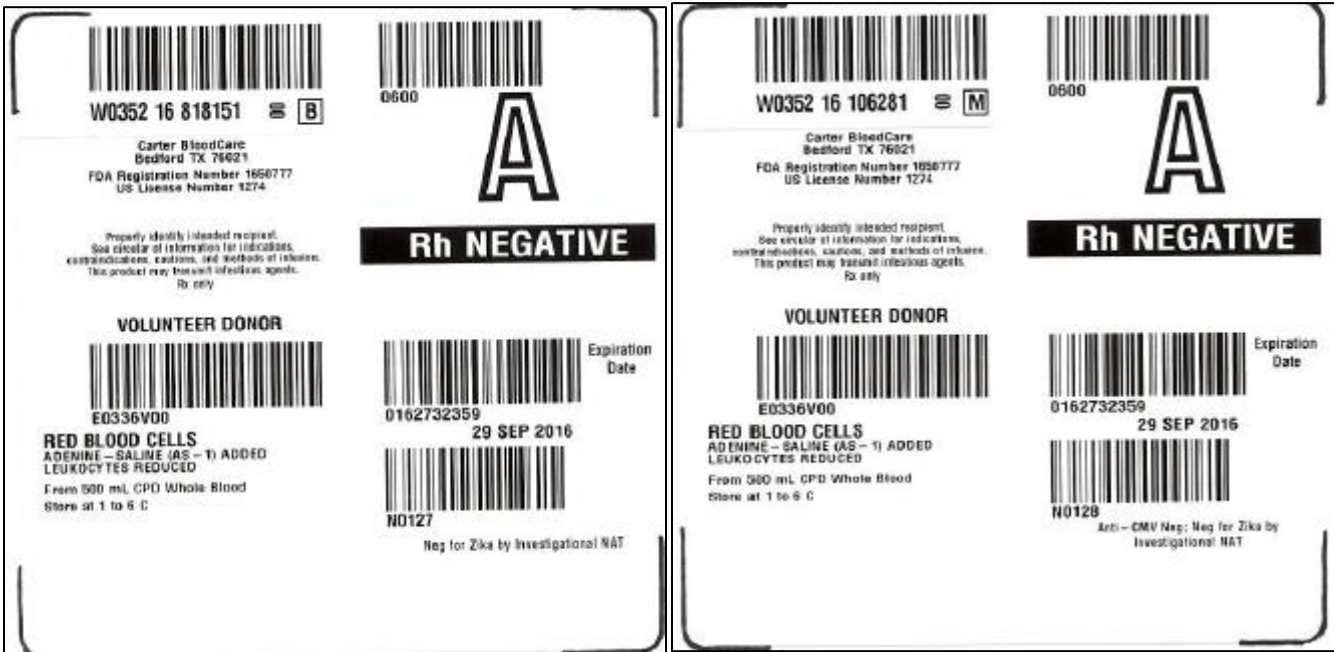




Carter BloodCare

To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations Department
Date: September 9, 2016
Re: Zika Surcharge Code and Label Examples

In preparation for receipt of products tested for Zika virus effective September 23, 2016, please refer to the labels below. Products collected and distributed by Carter BloodCare will be barcoded/labeled Neg for Zika by Investigational NAT with the exception of pooled components, such as Acrodose platelets and pre-pooled frozen cryoprecipitate.



Pooled products will have a sticker affixed to them indicating the Zika tested statement. See example below.



Please note that any transfusion facility manipulating blood components and relabeling must also follow the labeling requirements. This can be achieved through a pre-printed sticker, tag attached to component containing the Zika tested statement or ISBT barcoded. Please consult with your Medical Director for evaluation and determination.

In order to minimize errors associated with manual billing for Zika testing during the dual inventory time frame, pack lists will not have the surcharge included. The surcharge for Zika testing will be charged only on the invoice. If a product is returned and meets criteria for credit, a credit for the Zika surcharge will also be applied to your invoice.

Blood Component	Zika Surcharge Code
Red Blood Cells	BZTS1
Apheresis Platelets	BZTS2

The Circular of Information will also be updated and available electronically at carterbloodcare.org to reflect Zika testing.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.