

To:	Transfusion Services Managers
From:	Hospital Relations Department
Date:	July 16, 2018
Re:	UPDATE – Managing the platelet inventory with the
	implementation of Verax PGD [®] testing

As we work towards providing apheresis platelets with up to a seven day expiration, we wanted to provide you with additional information regarding the implementation plan.

Initially, we will only perform testing on day six with the Verax PGD[®] platform. Therefore, the ISBT product codes that should be ready for acceptance as of August 21, 2018, are bacterial test day 6. We encourage you to build the Day 5 and Day 7 codes for use in the future. Please refer to the product code labels for the bacterial test day 6 E codes.

Please be aware that while the platelet expiration can be extended up to day seven, testing must be performed within 24 hours of transfusion. Staff should be trained to review the expiration time of the component as it will no longer default to 2359, but rather the actual 24 hour timeframe from testing. In an effort to alert staff of the atypical shelf life, a priority sticker will be adhered to the platelet yield tie tag. An example is provided for your reference.







ISBT product codes - Bacterial Test Day 6 (Irradiated)