



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations Department
Date: October 2, 2018
Re: Apheresis Platelet Inventory

PLATELET INVENTORY

The demand for platelets is continuous. While it is a challenge to meet platelet needs and minimize wastage due to the short shelf life of these components; a decrease in platelet collections further intensifies the situation. Usually, we are able to supplement a decrease in donor collections by resource sharing with other community blood centers; however, the current import market is very limited.

CUSTOMER ACTION

We request your cooperation by reviewing on-hand platelet inventory and platelet requests. Daily platelet rotations may be temporarily deferred or rescheduled. Additionally, we may ask your facility to release platelets maintained on site to ensure imminent patient needs elsewhere can be met. We urge you to please conserve platelets with a longer expiration date.

Please assist our Distribution department as they review each order on a case-by-case basis.

At this time we are unsure when full recovery of the platelet inventory will occur. We are hopeful that through recruiting efforts and/or import availability that relief will be seen in the next 48-72 hours.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.