



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** December 6, 2019  
**Re:** Pooled Cryoprecipitate Inventory

**Overview:**

Thank you for helping us ensure that platelet needs were met throughout the community during the shortage. Our platelet inventory is recovering and getting back up to normal supply. However, please keep in mind with the unpredictable usage of products, coupled with the holiday season, this could change without notice.

Regrettably, there is an unexpected intermittent shortage of pre-pooled cryoprecipitate. This is a result of the lab that performs our QC testing having issues with their equipment; therefore we are not able to release any pre-pooled cryoprecipitate that has been already produced until the results are received. We are diligently working to import from other blood centers to help alleviate the deficit. We have a stable single cryoprecipitate inventory available to meet your transfusion needs. We would like to remind you that the AABB Technical Manual states that cryoprecipitate need not be ABO matched to the recipient (page 375, 18th edition). Cryo has a very low plasma volume, even when pooled.

**Impact to Clients:**

- Anticipate delays in filling stock cryoprecipitate orders.
- Please consider stocking only for emergent and as needed basis until further notice.
- Any blood type will be substituted to fill your order except for pediatric requests.

**Client Action Required:**

- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.

**Questions and Additional Information:**

Please contact [hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org](mailto:hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org) with any concerns. Thank you for your valued support and it is a privilege to serve you.