



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: August 13, 2020
Re: Short Dated Red Blood Cells

Community response has been strong over the last 6 weeks giving us a stable blood supply. At present, Group A Rh positive inventory has surpassed demand resulting in a high percentage of red cells with less than 21 days of shelf life.

Effective immediately, Group A Rh positive red cell orders with the exception of specialty orders will be filled with these shorter dated red cells. Please be assured that if you are not able to use these units, credit will be extended; however, we ask that you employ stringent inventory management protocols to minimize community outdates.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.