



**To:** Carter BloodCare Customers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** November 18, 2020  
**Re:** Group B and AB COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma

### **Background**

Over the last month, Carter BloodCare has seen an increase in COVID-19 convalescent plasma requests.

The current COVID-19 convalescent plasma inventory:

- Group A is optimal
- Group O is limited
- Group B is minimal to none
- Group AB is minimal to none

While we will import convalescent plasma to supplement our inventories, there is a minimal available group B and AB supply nationwide.

Please be advised that we have imported units to support the increase in usage. These units are labeled as E9749.

E9749 CONVALESCENT PLASMA|NS/XX/Frozen|COVID-19  
E9783 Thawed CONVALESCENT PLASMA|NS/XX/refg|COVID-19

### **Impact to Client**

- Review and update policies to accept group A as a substitute type for group B and AB convalescent plasma.
- Distribution staff will inquire if you will accept Group A as a substitute for Group B and AB orders.
- Stock orders for Group B and AB convalescent plasma cannot be filled due to the minimal available inventory.
- Group B and AB orders will be placed on back order and cancelled if not filled with an acceptable substitute type within 24 hours.
- Refer recovered COVID-19 patients to [carterbloodcare.org](https://www.carterbloodcare.org) to consider donating convalescent plasma.

Thank you for your dedication and efforts to help meet patient needs in our community.