



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: December 29, 2020
Re: Blood Supply

Background

The community blood supply remains limited. We have distributed the previous day's collections within 24-48 hours over the last week, leaving the blood center with minimal inventory on the shelf. Red cell projections are satisfactory December 29-31; however, appointments take a steep decline from the 2nd of January through the 4th. There are no collections on January 1st.

We will not be able to meet all patient transfusion needs without your help. Please review inventory levels for red cells, cryoprecipitate, and plasma; and preserve the limited supply by maintaining minimal levels of preferred stock.

Impact to Clients

- Red cell, plasma, and cryoprecipitate stock orders are subject to partial fulfillment.
- Red cell rotation and standing orders may be discontinued until the supply is deemed stable.
- Apheresis platelet projections appear to be fair for the rest of the week, but with no collections on January 1st, availability will be limited.

Client Action Required

- Notify appropriate staff and medical director as applicable.
- Please cooperate with hospital services as blood orders are triaged, back ordered or cancelled.
- Be prepared to release group O red blood cells to meet trauma and/or definite transfusion needs elsewhere should the blood center inventory not be able to support.
- Encourage family, friends and colleagues to donate blood.

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns. By working together we can safely sustain operations.