



To: Carter BloodCare Customers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: February 19, 2021
Re: Apheresis Platelet Supply

Background

Apheresis platelets are sampled for bacterial culture at least 24 hours following the end of collection, and then incubated for 12 hours after inoculation prior to being released for shipment. Due to the severe apheresis platelet shortage, Carter BloodCare will release apheresis platelets immediately following the 24 hour post collection inoculation, temporarily eliminating the 12 hour hold. These products will not be shipped prior to completion of the other required infectious disease testing.

Impact to Clients

- Apheresis platelets collections beginning on Thursday, February 18th, will be processed and released under the modified bacterial detection sampling process.
- The modified process will remain in place until the platelet supply is deemed stable.
- Product codes remain unchanged.
- There is no additional action required by you prior to accepting these units into inventory.

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.