



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: July 22, 2021
Re: Cold Stored Platelets Variance Approval

Carter BloodCare is pleased to announce that the variance to collect, process and distribute cold stored platelets with a 14 day storage has been approved by the FDA. Carter BloodCare plans to distribute these products effective **September 27, 2021**.

Client Action

- Update blood bank information system to accept the ISBT product codes associated with cold-stored apheresis platelets.
- Update policies associated with platelet storage and indications for use.
- If your facility stores more than 1 platelet on-site, prepare policies for maintaining a dual inventory.
- Prepare to accept these products to fill STAT apheresis platelet orders.
- Inform laboratory medical directors, clinicians and nursing of the anticipated new component and its indications for use.

Additional information regarding cost, Circular of Information, and other details will be forthcoming.