



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations Department
Date: November 30, 2016
Re: Apheresis Platelet Inventory

Reduced collections over the holiday have resulted in the current inventory of apheresis platelets to be at less than minimal level. Our response to these types of sudden shortages is usually remedied by importing from other blood centers. Regrettably, a less than optimal inventory nationwide prohibits us from increasing our inventory through imports.

CUSTOMER ACTION:

We request your cooperation by reviewing on-hand platelet inventory and platelet requests. Additionally, we may ask your facility to release platelets maintained on site to ensure imminent patient needs can be met. Please assist our Distribution department as they review each order on a case-by-case basis.

We expect that collections will increase and inventory will be sufficient to meet your service needs within the next 24-48 hours.