

December 14, 2021 Cold Stored Platelet (CSP) Q&A 2:00pm.

Q: Do we as a hospital blood bank need to obtain a variance to be able to use?

A: No, the variance is only needed by the blood supplier to collect and distribute. Please see our updated COI at <https://www.cbcspecialtyservices.org/licenses-accreditations>.

Q: Is there a way to distinguish the cold stored platelets from room temperature platelets?

A: There will be an orange tag attached to the unit and your facility can determine other ways to distinguish the products according to your SOPs.

Q: If the product goes out of the blood bank and returned, what temperature guidelines are followed for return?

A: Cold stored platelets would follow procedures similar to a red cell unit in that it must be kept at refrigerated temperatures and would be discarded if returned out of temperature.

Q: What is the go-live date to begin distributing CSPs?

A: We are tentatively planning for the week of January 17th. We typically see a decrease in donations in the first two weeks of January. We will also be respectful to any changes in resources based on the newly identified COVID variant.