



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: January 7, 2022
Re: UPDATE_Go- Live Date - Cold Stored Platelets

Update:

Carter BloodCare will begin distribution of cold-stored platelets (CSP) the week of January 17, 2022. It should be noted that not every facility will receive a cold stored platelet the week of January 17, 2022, but all facilities should be ready to receive cold-stored platelets at that time. Initial communication around cold-stored platelets began in May of 2020, and we are excited to finally have this product available. A separate email will be sent to hospitals automatically enrolled in the CSP program and whose current apheresis room temperature platelet will be replaced with a cold stored platelet.

Background

Carter BloodCare appreciates your diligence in preparing for the implementation and usage of cold stored platelets into your blood bank inventory. The introduction of this new product allows Carter BloodCare to meet the increased patient transfusion needs in the community while reducing the risk for product outdates.

Client Action

- All Carter BloodCare customers should be prepared to receive and utilize cold stored platelets
- Please finalize the following:
 - Update laboratory and/or blood bank information systems to accept the ISBT product codes associated with cold-stored apheresis platelets.
 - Review and 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.
 - Inform laboratory medical directors and clinicians of the anticipated new component and its indications for use.

Cold stored apheresis platelets

- Store the apheresis platelet products at refrigerated temperatures (1-6°C).
- Store up to 14 days without agitation.
- Bacterial detection testing is not required.
- Platelets are approved for the treatment of actively bleeding patients through day 14 of storage or when conventional platelet products are unavailable or their use is not practical.

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any questions.