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## ABC and ADRP Ring Nasdaq Opening Bell during NBDM

America's Blood Centers (ABC) and ADRP, an international division of ABC, rang the bell to open the Nasdaq Markets on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The virtual ceremony helped commemorate National Blood Donor Month and spread awareness of community blood centers amid the ongoing need for blood donations. It featured ABC Board President John B. Miller, chief executive officer (CEO) of LIFELINE Blood Services, ABC CEO Kate Fry, MBA, CAE, ADRP President Theresa Pina, vice president of Operations at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, ABC and ADRP board members and staff.

During the event, the ABC logo, and photos of ABC's and ADRP's board and staff were prominently displayed on the Nasdaq tower in New York City's Times Square. A [video](#) of the event is available here. 💧



*Photo courtesy of Nasdaq, Inc.*

## ABC & National Blood Community Request Updated CCP Reimbursement Policies from CMS

America's Blood Centers joined the Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB), and the American Red Cross in [submitting](#) a letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting updated coverage and reimbursement policies for COVID-19 convalescent plasma (CCP). In the letter, the nation's blood community explained that the agency's current policy for billing and reimbursement of CCP "only apply to the hospital inpatient setting" and needs to be expanded to the outpatient setting as well to ensure access for patients. In doing so, CMS' policy would align with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) revised [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA), which specified that "the use of the authorized [CCP] with high titers of anti-SARS- CoV-2 antibodies for treatment of COVID-19 in patients with immunosuppressive disease or receiving immunosuppressive treatment, in either the outpatient or inpatient setting."

The organizations noted that CMS previously stated "that any new COVID-19

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treatment that is a drug or biological product, including a blood product, will be paid separately for the remainder of the PHE for COVID-19 when the product is:

- authorized to treat COVID-19 ‘as indicated in section I. ‘Criteria for Issuance of Authorization’ of the letter of authorization for the drug or biological product;’ and
- when the related EUA authorizes the use of the product in the outpatient setting.”

The blood community concluded the letter by “urg[ing] CMS to ensure that patients have access to CCP in all settings of care authorized by the current EUA by establishing billing codes and reimbursement rates for CCP furnished in outpatient settings, as well as administration codes for the related transfusion services furnished in different outpatient settings.”

Additionally, ABC, AABB, and the American Red Cross “encourage[d]” the agency to ensure the “reimbursement rate for CCP [be] sufficient to cover the substantial costs involved in the collection of CCP and recommend[ed] that CMS leverage the uniform payment rate for CCP that was established by [the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority] (BARDA) when determining the Medicare payment rate for the product. Similarly, we urge CMS to establish payment rates for the related services that reflect the cost of furnishing transfusion services in various outpatient settings.”

A [PDF version](#) of the full letter is available on the ABC website.

(Source: CMS Joint Letter, 1/14/22) ◆



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ABC advocates for and advances policies that promote the role of independent blood centers in providing life-saving blood products and recognize the continuous need for a safe and robust blood supply. ABC exists to advocate for laws and regulations recognizing the essential role that independent blood centers play in the health care system; promote partnerships, policies and programs that increase awareness about the need for blood donation; and serve as a thought-leader in the advancement of evidence-based medical and scientific solutions related to health and safety.

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## HHS Shares Resources Promoting Blood and Plasma Donation

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has published several resources to assist efforts of the blood community to spread awareness of blood donation amid ongoing shortages. The resources include the following webpages:

- an [overview](#) on donating blood and plasma;
- a blood donation [page](#) that features step-by-step instructions on how to give blood, as well as information on eligibility; and
- a [plasma](#) donation page.

HHS also continues to promote blood donation on social media and will soon publish a blog post. The agency is also working with industry partners including, America's Blood Centers (ABC) and ADRP, an international division of ABC, on a public awareness campaign as designated within the CARES Act to educate and encourage blood donation from a diverse pool of eligible donors.

(Source: HHS Blood Donation [Resources](#), 1/18/22) 💧

## RESEARCH IN BRIEF

**How Time from Platelet Donation to Cold Storage Affects Quality and Bacterial Growth.** A study in *Transfusion* voiced concerns of using “cold-stored platelets (CSP) [because they] must be refrigerated within two hours of collection under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) approved variance. The authors “evaluated if time from apheresis platelet collection to cold temperature storage [(eight compared to two hours in room temperature (RT))] impacts *in vitro* platelet function, platelet quality, or bacterial growth in CSPs.” In this study, “[d]ouble-apheresis platelet components were collected, suspended in 65 percent PAS-III/35 percent plasma, and split into two equal units...One unit was placed into cold storage within two hours and the other unit after eight hours.” The researchers explained that “[e]ight matched pairs were evaluated for 12 *in vitro* parameters...Twenty-four matched pairs were evaluated with eight bacterial strains tested in triplicate...Samples were tested throughout 21 days of storage.” They noted that “[g]lucose decreased and lactate increased in both arms throughout the storage duration...The platelet count decreased throughout cold storage in both groups...No significant difference was observed in the platelet count between groups, although it was slightly lower for units placed into cold sooner.” The study found that “[t]he pH of the units was maintained within the acceptable range at all timepoints...In both study arms [aggregation maker] differences were not statistically significant...[T]he difference in log growth [of bacteria] between the two- and eight-hour units was <1 log at all timepoints throughout storage.” The authors stated that “[i]n order to feasibly manage a dual inventory of CSP and RT platelets, the interval between platelet donation and the start of cold storage must allow enough time for blood centers to triage and process platelet units...Extending the time required from collection to storage from the current two-hour requirement in the U.S. to an eight-hour requirement will improve blood center logistics significantly.” They also noted that “[i]n this study, *in vitro* characteristics were not significantly different between platelet components that were placed into cold storage within two hours after collection compared to units placed into cold storage within eight hours after collection.” They concluded, “[i]n summary, CSP may provide advantages over RT platelets due to potential improved hemostatic function of platelets, increased safety from bacterial growth, and improved availability from increased storage duration.”

**Citation:** Brown, B.L., Wagner, S.J., Hapip, C.A., Fischer, E., Getz, T.M., Thompson-Montgomery, D., *et al.* [Time from apheresis platelet donation to cold storage: Evaluation of platelet quality and bacterial growth](#). *Transfusion*. 2022.

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## INSIDE ABC

*The programs and services described in the Inside ABC section are available to ABC member blood centers and their staff only, unless otherwise specified.*

### **ADRP Webinar: “Leading From Within — How Focusing on Our Wellness Can Make Us Better Leaders”**

[Register](#) today for the Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> ADRP webinar titled “Leading From Within — How Focusing on Our Wellness Can Make Us Better Leaders.” This [webinar](#) will take place at 1 p.m. EST with OneBlood Medical Director Marisa Saint Martin, MD, ACC discussing “leadership styles, teamwork, employee engagement, and the role we all have as individuals in our wellness. Coaching exercises for self-assessment will be offered, and a brief mindfulness practice will be part of the journey.”

ADRP subscribers may register for free and non-subscribers can participate for \$25.

(ADRP [Announcement](#), 1/20/22)

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Excellence Winners**

Recipients of America’s Blood Centers’(ABC) 25<sup>th</sup> Annual *Awards of Excellence* will be honored during an awards ceremony on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> during the 60<sup>th</sup> ABC Annual Meeting. ABC and its member blood centers will recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions in promoting blood donation and improving transfusion medicine. This year’s recipients include:

- **William Coenen President’s Award** – *Richard Gammon, MD (OneBlood), Brian Gannon (Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center), ABC Staff, and Greg Bishop, Bill Block, Marie DeQuattro, Lynne Elderkin, Jennifer Kapral, and Sam Keith (Blood Centers of America, Inc.)*
- **Thomas F. Zuck Lifetime Achievement Award** – *Michael P. Busch, MD, PhD (Vitalant)*
- **Blood Community Advocate of the Year** – *Mary J. Homer, PhD*
- **National Partner of the Year** – *Facebook and Microsoft*
- **Corporation of the Year Award** – *Broken Yolk Cafe (San Diego Blood Bank)*
- **Larry Frederick Award** – *City of La Quinta Mayor Linda Evans (LifeStream Blood Bank)*
- **ABC Outstanding Blood Drive of the Year** – *Cincinnati Arts Associations (Hoxworth Blood Center)*
- **ABC Outstanding Public Relations Campaign** – *COVID Rescue Team (Vitalant)*

Thank you to all blood centers that submitted nominations.

(Source: MCN 22-003, 1/7/22) ♦

### **ABC Members Asked to Complete Annual Collection Survey**

The America’s Blood Centers (ABC) Annual Collection Survey for calendar year 2021 has been distributed. ABC member blood centers are asked to complete the survey by January 28<sup>th</sup>. A link to the survey and a copy of the survey questions are available in MCN 22-001. Please contact [Member Services](#) with any questions.

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## Register for the 60<sup>th</sup> ABC Annual Meeting

[Register](#) today for the [60<sup>th</sup> ABC Annual Meeting](#) and 25<sup>th</sup> Annual *Awards of Excellence*. These events will take place March 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Ritz-Carlton (Pentagon City) in Arlington, Va. Please secure your hotel [reservation](#) today. This year's meeting will be in-person while [Advocacy Day](#) will be held virtually the following week given continued visitor restrictions on Capitol Hill. This will allow each blood center to bring together multiple colleagues to connect with their members of Congress and their staff. More information will be provided to ABC members as it becomes available. The ABC Annual Meeting brings together blood center executives and national leaders to discuss advocacy and regulatory updates, the latest in science, medicine, and technical affairs, and hot topics facing the blood community. In addition, ABC is excited to share that the final day of this year's meeting will feature two in-depth training workshops focused on building tangible advocacy skills that can immediately benefit your center. The program-at-a-glance is [available](#). Please contact [ABC Member Services](#) with questions. 💧

## REGULATORY NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently [updated](#) its device shortage [list](#) to include “all blood specimen collection tubes (product codes GIM and JKA) to the testing supplies and equipment – specimen collection category on the device shortage list. The list previously included sodium citrate (light blue top) tubes only.” In the January 19<sup>th</sup> announcement, the agency also provided “conservation strategies” and recommendations for health care providers, laboratory directors, phlebotomists, and other personnel including:

- “[o]nly perform blood draws considered medically necessary;
  - Remove duplicate test orders to avoid unnecessary blood draws;
  - Avoid testing too frequently or extend time intervals between tests whenever possible.
- [r]educe tests at routine wellness visits and allergy testing only to those that target specific disease states or where it will change patient treatment;
- [c]onsider add-on testing or sharing samples between laboratory departments if previously collected specimens are available;
- [i]f you need a discard tube, use a tube type that has a greater quantity available at your facility; [and]
- [c]onsider point of care testing that does not require using blood specimen collection tubes (lateral flow tests).”

(Source: FDA [Announcement](#), 1/19/22)

The FDA has added a [recording](#) of the November 4<sup>th</sup> Blood Products Advisory Committee (BPAC) and updated the meeting [webpage](#) to include all meeting materials. During the meeting, the committee discussed:

- “an overview of the research programs of the Plasma Derivatives Branch, Division of Plasma Protein Therapeutics, Office of Tissues and Advanced Therapies, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER);
- an overview of the research programs of the Laboratory of Cellular Hematology, Division of Blood Components and Devices, Office of Blood Research and Review (OBRR), CBER; [and]
- an overview of the research programs of the Laboratory of Emerging Pathogens, Division of Emerging & Transfusion Transmitted Diseases, OBRR, CBER.”

(Source: FDA [Announcement](#), 1/22/22) 💧



## BRIEFLY NOTED

A [report](#) from *Bloomberg Law* stated that CSL Plasma Inc., Biomat USA Inc., Talecris Plasma Resources Inc., and GCAM Inc. have filed an opening [brief](#) in their appeal of a “U.S. rule barring certain visa holders from donating plasma in return for payment, with the companies arguing to the D.C. Circuit that they’re sufficiently negatively affected by the ban to challenge it in court.” In the brief, the companies explained that “[t]he visa law ‘is concerned with more than protecting American workers from foreign competition,’ they argue. It also ‘permits foreign nationals to enter this country to engage in a broad category of business activities that are not labor.’” In December, a lawsuit by the biopharmaceutical companies challenging the ban dismissed by a federal court in Washington, D.C. At the time, the court stated that the plaintiffs “lacked standing to sue” as the “U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed the lawsuit Dec. 3 without prejudice.” In June 2021, *ProPublica* [reported](#) that the U.S. government was “closing a legal loophole that allowed U.S.-based blood plasma companies to harvest plasma from thousands of Mexicans a day, who were lured by bonus payments and hefty cash rewards.”

(Source: *Bloomberg Law*, [Plasma Centers Appeal Paid Blood Donation Ban for Visa Holders](#), 1/19/22) 💧

## WORD IN WASHINGTON

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra, JD [announced](#) that the public health emergency for COVID-19 has been extended for 90 days. The declaration was scheduled to expire this month and this extension will continue the public health emergency into April 2022. The declaration allows the Administration to provide response aid to local state health departments in addition to flexibility for government-run health insurance programs and emergency approvals of new drugs and tests. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) previously stated that the revised temporary donor eligibility criteria [announced](#) in 2020 would remain in place for the duration of the “declared pandemic.”

(Source: HHS [Announcement](#), 1/14/22) 💧

## GLOBAL NEWS

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) [announced](#) on January 17<sup>th</sup> that it has resumed the collection of COVID-19 convalescent plasma on a “smaller scale” as a part of research efforts for the REMAP-CAP trial. According to the NHSBT statement, “detailed analysis within subgroups of the REMAP-CAP data found there was a likelihood that people who are immunosuppressed may benefit from convalescent plasma with very high antibody levels...REMAP-CAP has now decided to reopen the convalescent plasma arm to collect more data. NHSBT is again supporting REMAP-CAP and this time we will only be supplying very high antibody donations, with antibody levels more than 10 times those used previously. We will supply a mix of new donations and units held in stock that were found to have the very high antibody level. NHSBT welcomes this chance to again support world leading trials into potential coronavirus treatments. We will be able to identify donors from within our existing donor base, and we are not making a public appeal for donors this time around.”

(Source: NHSBT [Statement](#), 1/17/22) 💧





### Upcoming ABC Webinars – Don't Miss Out!

- **Leading From Within — How Focusing on Our Wellness Can Make Us Better Leaders ADRP Webinar** – January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 PM ET. More information available [here](#).
- **Paid Donors-Platelet and Cellular Therapy Blood Center Perspectives Webinar** – February 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 PM ET. More information coming soon.
- **SMT Journal Club Webinar** – March 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM ET. More information coming soon.

## CALENDAR

*Note to subscribers: Submissions for a free listing in this calendar (published weekly) are welcome. Send information to [newsletter@americasblood.org](mailto:newsletter@americasblood.org) or by fax to (202) 899-2621. (For a more detailed announcement in the weekly "Meetings" section of the newsletter, please include program information.)*

### 2022

Mar. 7-9. **ABC Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.** [Registration](#) is open. More information available [here](#).

Mar. 15-16. **International Plasma and Fractionation Association (IPFA) and the European Blood Alliance (EBA) Symposium on Plasma Collection and Supply, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.** Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

Mar. 16. **ABC Advocacy Day (Virtual).** Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

April 5-7. **ABC Technical and Quality Workshop, Louisville, Ky.** More information available [here](#).

April 12-13. **17<sup>th</sup> Annual FDA and the Changing Paradigm for HCT/P Regulation, Cambridge Md.** Registration is [open](#). More information available [here](#).

May 10-12. **2022 ADRP Conference, Phoenix, Ariz.** [Registration](#) is open.

June 4-8. **37<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress of ISBT, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** Additional details coming [soon](#).

Aug. 2-4. **ABC Summer Summit and Medical Directors Workshop, Minneapolis, Minn.** More information coming [soon](#).

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May 9-11. **2023 ADRP Conference.** More information coming soon. 💧

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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## Technical & Quality Workshop



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## POSITIONS

**Technical Services Director (R219222).** Under the administrative direction of the Senior Director of Operations and technical direction of the Medical Director, the Technical Services Director is responsible for the administrative and technical management of the Technical Services Laboratory, including: Processing (testing), Quality Control, Components (manufacturing) Laboratory, Distribution, and Operations Support. The Technical Services Director acts as the CLIA Technical Supervisor for Stanford Blood Center and delegates responsibilities to administrative and professional support personnel as appropriate. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Biology, Biological Science, Chemistry, or Medical Technology Required. Five plus years to seven years of directly relatable laboratory experience required. Three plus years to five years of progressively responsible supervisory experience required. Click [here](#) to apply.

**Testing Lab Operations Manager (R2212874).** Under the general operational direction of the Technical Services Director and the technical direction of the Medical Director, the Testing Lab Operations Manager is responsible for the administrative and technical management of Technical Services Testing Operations, which includes: Testing/Processing, Product QC, and Operations Support functions. Perform assigned duties with wide latitude in exercising judgment and discretion, taking accountability for meeting organizational objectives and compliance with regulatory agencies. Delegate responsibilities to supervisors and support personnel as appropriate. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in medical technology or life science, or related field. Lab\CLS – MTA - California Clinical Laboratory Scientist Upon Hire required. One to two years prior supervisory experience. Five to seven years relevant experience in clinical lab or blood center. Click [here](#) to apply.

**Chief Financial Officer.** Blood Assurance is seeking to fill a job opening for a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) based in our downtown Chattanooga home office. This role will be primarily responsible for strategically leading and executing on all accounting, payroll, finance, and other fiscal management needs of the organization. The CFO will regularly partner with other members of the executive team, with the company's executive Board and with external financial advisors to ensure that the company's fiscal policy decisions consistently meet short and long-term operational objectives. The CFO will also lead a team of three experienced members of the Finance department with clear management direction and accountability. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance. Current CPA licensure. Minimum of 10-15 years of finance and accounting experience. Three to five years in a senior-level leadership role with experience supervising others. Success in this role will require advanced skills in all of the following areas: verbal and written leadership communications, staff management/development, analytics,

customer service, conflict resolution, decision-making, strategic planning, collaborative teamwork, flexibility, adaptability, accounting and finance modeling, group presentations and complex problem solving. Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit an online application for consideration at [www.bloodassurance.org](http://www.bloodassurance.org). Blood Assurance is an EOE and a Tobacco Free Workplace.

**Supervisor of Component Production (Carter Blood-Care).** Principal Accountability: Assists in all aspects of the coordination, management, and supervision of Component Production manufacturing functions. The position will oversee daily operations, participate in interviews for staff vacancies, and directly supervise the Production Coordinators and Production Technicians. This includes solving personnel problems, addressing procedural or behavioral problems, and making verbal or written reports to management. This job requires the ability to make sound judgments of overall production and quality with the strictest adherence to regulations set forth by, but not limited to FDA, AABB, EU, OSHA, CLIA, and DOT. The position will develop staff and hold them accountable to Carter BloodCare core values. The position must have flexibility to respond to emergency, disaster, or weather situations with little or no notice. Education: High School Graduate. Experience: Two years' supervisory experience in a blood banking industry with emphasis on component production or five years in a supervisory position in a government regulated production environment. Six months' experience in blood banking, regulated production, or regulated laboratory required. Equal Opportunity Employer: Disability/Veteran. Apply at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org), click Careers & search job # 31659.

**Medical Technologist 1 - MT / MLS (Carter Blood-Care).** Principal Accountability. The Medical Technologist 1 (MT 1) will report to the Manager or designee of Reference & Transfusion (R&T) Services in Bedford, Texas. The incumbent will participate in all activities in the R&T Services to include but not limited to: 1. Support Carter BloodCare's (CBC) vision, mission, and core values. 2. Maintain compliance with the Carter BloodCare's (CBC) attendance policies and department schedules as outlined in the CBC Employee Handbook. 3. Perform testing and services associated with assigned departmental duties. These duties are in the scope of complexity according to accrediting agencies. 4. Participation in competency, proficiency, and educational opportunities. Education: Bachelor's degree required. Medical Technologist: MT (ASCP), BB (ASCP), MT (AMT) or equivalent certification required. Experience: Recent graduate from an accredited Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) program within the last five years and currently board eligible. NOTE: Must successfully obtain, maintain board certification (i.e., MLS (ASCP) or equivalent)

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and provide board certification documentation to the CBC Human Resources department within 12 months of hire date. Equal Opportunity Employer: Disability/Veteran. Apply at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org), click Careers & search Req # 29048 or 28777.

**Clinical Apheresis Manager (Carter BloodCare).** Principal Accountability: The Manager of Clinical Apheresis Services is responsible for meeting Carter BloodCare and departmental objectives. The Manager is responsible for ensuring excellent customer service and managing issues. The Manager provides oversight for a team of nurses and apheresis collection technicians who perform therapeutic procedures on hospitalized patients for treatment of disease, or collection of cells from donor or patient peripheral blood for various cell therapy treatments or research projects. The Manager is responsible for managing daily operations, business activities, and quality patient care. The position is responsible for staffing field assignments and performing procedures in the field to assist in training or as staffing indicates. Also, the Manager is responsible for maintaining statistics and quality indicators of procedures and records of preventative or responsive maintenance along with quality control of supplies and equipment. Regular full-time attendance is required during office hours. Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing. RN active licensure in the State of Texas, preferably with Hemapheresis Practitioner (HP) or Qualification in Apheresis (QIA) credentialing. Experience: At least five years' apheresis experience of which three years should be in therapeutic/PBSC apheresis. Two years' management experience required. Equal Opportunity Employer: Disability/Veteran. Apply at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org), click Careers & search Req # 27905.

**Assistant Manager of Hematology Services (Blood Center Quality Control) (Carter BloodCare).** Principal Accountability. Carter BloodCare is hiring for a Hematology Assistant Manager (Blood Center Quality Control). This position is responsible for detailed record keeping of quality control testing, reporting quality control results to medical directors, the technical review of quality control documents, and scheduling/timekeeping. In addition to direct oversight of the department staff, this role will also oversee the training of lab staff for technical processes. The Assistant Manager will be responsible for all daily, routine departmental activities and operations, consulting the Manager of Hematology Services as needed. The individual will oversee strict fiscal adherence to the budget and other administrative activities for the department as assigned by the Manager or Medical Director. The Assistant Manager is able and willing to perform any departmental task as needed to ensure efficient workflow in the department. Regular full-time attendance is required during office hours. Education: Minimum MT ASCP or equivalent required. Experience:

Minimum four years of laboratory experience required. Minimum two years of supervisory experience required. Previous management experience preferred. Equal Opportunity Employer: Disability/Veteran. Apply at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org), click Careers & search job # 31586.

**Compatibility Testing Lab Supervisor – (2nd shift) Tallahassee, FL – Recruitment Bonus Eligible!** Bachelor's degree in medical technology, biological science, or related field and three plus years in a clinical laboratory, preferably in blood banking. Requires a current Florida Technologist license in Immunohematology or Blood Banking; FL Supervisor License preferred. OneBlood offers competitive benefits, including **excellent** shift differential pay for night and weekend schedules, Paid Time Off, Student Loan Repayment Program, a **FREE** medical coverage option, 403(b) Retirement Plan, company-paid annual CEU training & CE Broker account and MORE! To apply visit our OneBlood careers website at [www.oneblood.org/careers](http://www.oneblood.org/careers).

**Medical Technologist – Various locations available in Florida.** A valid and current Florida Clinical Laboratory Technologist license in Immunohematology or Blood Banking is required. Prior blood banking experience preferred. Multiple shifts available. OneBlood offers competitive benefits, including **excellent** shift differential pay for night and weekend schedules, Paid Time Off, Student Loan Repayment Program, a **FREE** medical coverage option, 403(b) Retirement Plan, company-paid annual CEU training & CE Broker account and MORE! To apply visit our OneBlood careers website at [www.oneblood.org/careers](http://www.oneblood.org/careers).

**Registered Nurse – opportunities in Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, and Orlando.** Recruitment Bonus eligible! Current and valid Florida RN license, current BLS CPR certification, and a valid and clear driver's license is required. Flexibility in scheduling needed to meet the needs of the department; travel required. OneBlood offers competitive benefits, including **excellent** shift differential pay for night and weekend schedules, Paid Time Off, Student Loan Repayment Program, a **FREE** medical coverage option, 403(b) Retirement Plan, company-paid annual CEU training & CE Broker account and MORE! To apply visit our OneBlood careers website at [www.oneblood.org/careers](http://www.oneblood.org/careers).

**QRA Supervisor (Req#: R219667).** Reporting to the Regulatory & Accreditation Compliance Director, the QRA Supervisor is responsible for carrying out day-to-day activities at the Stanford Blood Center Quality & Regulatory Affairs department by appropriate management of the QRA Specialist, ensure timely review of records and completion of QRA activities. Assume the

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responsibility SBC safety initiatives, disaster preparedness, and support continuity of operation across the organization. Responsibilities: Quality Assurance/Training/ GMP/GTP/GLP: Lead the department's quality activities, initiatives, and process improvement activities. Perform training on QRA core functions and activities, Good Manufacturing Practice/Good Tissue Practice/Good Laboratory Practice, and safety. Compliance: Ensure compliance to current regulations and accreditation requirements by federal, state, county, and accreditation agencies. Team Leadership: Manage the performance of direct reports. Set team objectives, priorities, and resources to align staff with Blood Center objectives. Responsible for interviewing, hiring, training, coaching, performance management, and performance reviews of direct reports. Safety: Lead the safety, emergency, and disaster management. Quality Management System: Provide oversight on the appropriate use of the quality management tools in handling the various documents, records, and activities of the blood center. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree Required. One to two years supervisory experience in a regulated or GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) required. Click [here](#) to apply.

**Therapeutic Apheresis Nurse.** LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is currently seeking an experienced professional to join our team as a Therapeutic Apheresis Nurse in **Jacksonville, FL**. This position is responsible for traveling to hospitals to perform apheresis procedures. Nurses will only care for one patient at a time and will work alongside hospital nurses and physicians to complete procedures. Nurses will also spend time at the LifeSouth office to coordinate upcoming apheresis procedures and organize necessary documentation. Training: Don't let a lack of apheresis experience stop you from applying! No previous apheresis experience is required. If hired, you will be given sufficient on-the-job training to learn the specialized skills this position requires. Training for this position will be conducted during regular business hours. This is a full-time position. Starting salary range is \$60,000 - \$66,000 annually plus travel and on-call bonus. Background check and drug test required. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/DFWP/Tobacco Free. Applicants should apply here: <https://lifesouth.csod.com/ux/ats/career-site/5/home/requisition/2490?c=lifesouth>

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