



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations Department
Date: March 1, 2022
Re: Return of Expired Platelet Units

Background

As of October 1, 2017, to support responsible stewardship of the blood supply, Carter BloodCare notified hospitals to please return all expired platelet units, instead of disposing the unit(s) yourselves. While we have implemented the use of LVDS 7 day platelets and cold-stored platelets, the request to return all expired platelet units has not changed.

We will make every attempt to pick-up the platelet unit(s) prior to the time it actually expires, and then issue you a credit (if applicable) based on the return. Regrettably, if the expired unit is not returned to us, credit will not be considered.

These returned units will be processed further for research and reagent development.

Questions and Additional Information:

Your understanding is sincerely appreciated and we are grateful for the partnerships that we enjoy with you in the service of your patients.

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any question or concerns.