



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: March 3, 2022
Re: Blood Bag Shortage

Background

Presently, there is a blood bag shortage; specifically the “BioFlex” bags manufactured by Fresenius Kabi. The blood bag shortage is primarily a result of pandemic related labor force shortages experienced in December which affected production capacity. While production capacity has improved, it is anticipated that it could take 90-120 days for supply to meet demand. As of today, we do not anticipate any impact to you; however, we want to make you aware that we are closely monitoring the situation and how you could be impacted.

Potential Impact to Clients

- Anticipated shortages will be communicated.
- Hospitals are encouraged to prepare for a possible shortage by reviewing blood conservation tips at [AABB Blood Conservation Resource to US hospitals](#).

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns. By working together we can safely sustain operations.