



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations Department
Date: March 15, 2022
Re: Return of Expired Units

Background

In order to further clarify Carter BloodCare's apheresis platelet return strategy, please refer to the following details.

- In order for credit to be considered **and** extended for expired apheresis platelets, room temperature LVDS and cold-stored, Carter BloodCare requires the unit to be returned. These units are processed for further research and reagent development.
- A credit request must still be associated with each apheresis platelet, either physically returned or when requesting manual credit for an expired platelet via the Hospital Report of Returned Blood Components to Carter BloodCare form.
- In order to minimize wastage of cold stored platelets, we may ask facilities to not return this product prior to its expiration. A credit request must still be completed (refer to 2nd bullet) and the unit returned to Carter BloodCare after expiration.
- Efforts will be made by the distribution team to pick up expired apheresis platelets during the next platelet delivery.
- Please prepare for this process to become a requirement for red cell credit requests beginning the week of March 27, 2022.

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.