



**To:** Carter BloodCare Customers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** September 19, 2022  
**Re:** Washed Blood Components

Orders for washed red cells are typically manipulated with the use of an automatic cell washer. These units are then received at your facility in the non-conventional donut shaped bag. There are situations which could result in a washed unit being received at your facility in the conventional red cell bag. The most recent situation is due to a limited supply of the disposable used in the cell washer. This intermittent limited supply could result in Carter BloodCare applying a secondary manual process for washing.

Please alert your staff of the potential to receive a washed red cell unit in a conventional red cell blood bag. If there is concern the product is not washed, please refer to the blood component label which should accurately reflect that the unit has been manipulated.