



To: Carter BloodCare Customers
From: Clinical Apheresis
Date: November 23, 2022
Re: Clinical Apheresis Hours of Operation Update

Background:

Due to persistent staffing shortages, Carter BloodCare is implementing changes to nursing availability for after-hours procedures. We will continue to provide overnight procedures for emergent cases to ensure optimal patient care. Our group of physicians have developed a list of emergent indications and associated procedures. If requests for apheresis procedures are made after 5 pm and the indication is not listed below, our staff will be ready to provide patient care the following morning.

Therapeutic Plasma Exchange Emergent Indications:

- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP)
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Guillain Barré Syndrome

Red Blood Cell Exchange Emergent Indications:

- Sickle cell disease complicated by Acute Chest Syndrome
- Sickle cell disease complicated by Acute Stroke

Client Action Required:

- Please share this memo with ordering providers and patient care teams

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact Dr. Nicole De Simone, Medical Director of Apheresis, (817) 412-5736 or ndesimone@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.