



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: October 23, 2023
Re: Notification: Bacterial Contamination of Platelets

Background

Per Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation - 21CFR606.145 control of bacterial contamination of platelets - in the event that a transfusion service identifies platelets as bacterially contaminated (i.e., positive gram stain or culture post-transfusion reaction) the transfusion service must notify Carter BloodCare. Additionally, the transfusion service must provide Carter BloodCare information about the species of the contaminating organism when the transfusion service has been able to identify it, or by advising Carter BloodCare that the species cannot be identified.

As a reminder, please advise your team members that the initial point of contact to notify Carter BloodCare of these critical results is your regional distribution/hospital services department.

Carter BloodCare North Texas Distribution: 817-412-5700
Carter BloodCare Central Texas Distribution: 254-297-4100
Carter BloodCare East Texas Distribution: 903-363-0404

Questions and Additional Information:

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.