



To: Transfusion Services Managers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: February 22, 2024
Re: Limited Blood Supply due to Delay in Testing

Background

The current red blood cell inventory is limited for the next 48-72 hours. Carter BloodCare is experiencing a delay in completion of testing which limits the available inventory for distribution. Although donor collections and future projections look favorable, the delay prevents us from labelling.

This should not directly impact clients in East Texas serviced through the Tyler Distribution center.

Temporary Impact to Clients

- Daily red cell orders may need to be triaged. Please allow inventory levels at your facility to drop below optimal thresholds. Inventory can be replenished once the testing issue is resolved.
- If an order is needed for imminent transfusion, please communicate the urgency to hospital services.
- Red cell orders, including standing orders, could be reduced, re-scheduled or delayed.
- Please be reminded that all back orders are cancelled at midnight each day to avoid ordering confusion and must be re-ordered as appropriate.

Questions and Additional Information:

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Please contact hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any concerns.