

Important Information Regarding Double Platelet Collections – Follow-up

Customer Letter #2008-29

2009-01-09

Dear Colleague:

This letter pertains to:

Double Platelet Collections – Follow-up

At a Glance:

Apheresis Platelet double platelet collection is targeted to begin February 2009, pending Health Canada approval.

Once implemented, each Hospital will require an expansion to their codabar component/product code dictionaries in their Laboratory Information Systems (LIS) or will need to develop an in-house alternative to identify the individual components/products in their systems. Each component/product of a double platelet will share the same donation number but will have different product codes.

Full Story:

As promised in Customer Letter #2008-25, issued 2008-09-26, Canadian Blood Services is pleased to provide more information in regard to double platelet collection implementation targeted for February 2009.

A double platelet, or two platelet products collected from the same donor at the same time, will have the same donation number however will be issued to hospitals as separate components with different codabar component/product codes. The first platelet component collected will be labelled and identified with the current codabar product code. The product codes issued as part of CL# 2008-25 are the codabar codes that will identify the second platelet component in a double platelet collection. (See Attachment 1 for an example of the current and new codabar component/product codes.)

The manner for identifying the double apheresis platelet codabar components/products was decided upon in anticipation of the ISBT 128 implementation, which is scheduled for Spring 2009.

The ISBT 128 standard uses a common donation number and different product code for the identification of any component/product collected from a single donation such as double apheresis platelets. Since this is the format of ISBT 128, hospitals are urged to utilize the different component/product codes to distinguish the apheresis platelet products within their LIS.

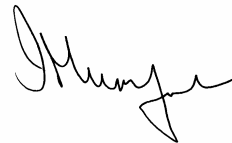
Note: Not using the component/product codes as a means of component/ product identification and only using donation number can lead to duplicate donation numbers.

Please ensure this information is passed on to your LIS specialist.

Further Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your local Hospital Liaison Specialist. They will be happy to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Mumford', written in a cursive style.

Ian Mumford
Chief Operating Officer

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Attachment 1

Current Platelet Component Code	2nd Platelet Component Code	Component Name	Supplementary Label Text
12010	12050	Platelets Apheresis	Plaquettes Aphérèse XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12011	12051	Platelets Apheresis, Low Count	Plaquettes Aphérèse, décompte bas XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12610	12650	Platelets Apheresis, Irradiated	Plaquettes Aphérèse, irradiée XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12611	12651	Platelets Apheresis, Low Count, Irrad	Plaquettes Aphérèse, décompte bas, irrad XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12710	12750	Platelets Apheresis LR	Plaquettes Aphérèse PD XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12711	12751	Platelets Apheresis LR, Low Count	Plaquettes Aphérèse PD, décompte bas XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12810	12850	Platelets Apheresis LR, Irradiated	Plaquettes Aphérèse PD, irradiée XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C
12811	12851	Platelets Apheresis LR, Low Count, Irrad	Plaquettes Aphérèse PD, déc bas, irrad XXXmL Store at/Conserver à 20-24° C