

TITLE: RELEASE OF PLATELET PRODUCTS PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF BACTERIAL DETECTION

PURPOSE: To assure that all platelet products (apheresis and pooled) have been adequately tested for bacteria prior to transfusion. Community Blood Bank will perform Bacterial Detection testing on Platelet Apheresis and pooled platelet products only. Bacterial Detection Testing on Whole Blood Derived single Platelets is the responsibility of the transfusion service.

MATERIALS: Emergency Release of Blood and/or Components SOP/forms.

PROCEDURE: Community Blood Bank (CBB) will release platelet products (apheresis and pooled) only after the completion of bacterial detection testing (approximately 48 hours post collection). In the event that hospital needs dictate an urgent need for platelet products (apheresis and pooled) prior to completion of bacterial testing, one of the following scenarios will take place:

1. Hospitals that have signed an agreement with CBB will perform bacterial testing according to their own SOP on the product(s) if transfusion is required prior to completion of testing at CBB. In this instance, bacterial detection completion time will be documented on the consignment ticket to alert hospital personnel.
2. Hospitals that have not agreed to the CBB policy, will be sent platelet products (apheresis and pooled) on an emergency issue basis only. The SOP "Emergency Release of Blood and/or Components" will be utilized.