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To: Directors of Clinical Laboratories
Directors of Transfusion Services

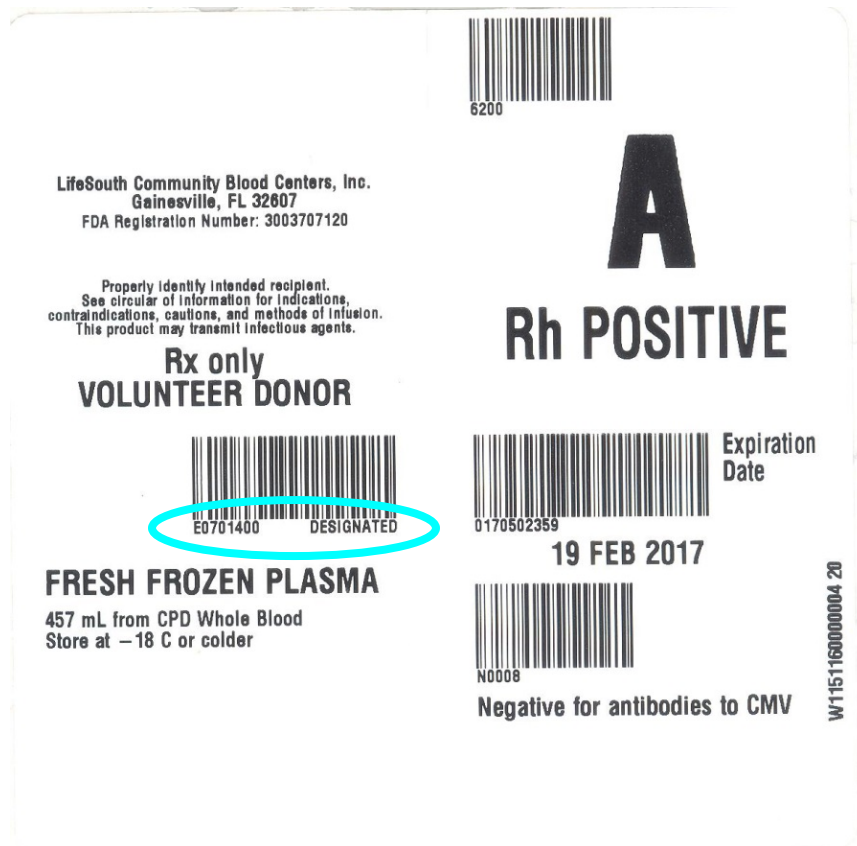
Subject: Designated Donations

Please read carefully as your computer system may require re-configuration:

In order to better serve our immunohematology reference patients, LifeSouth is implementing a new Rare Donor program that will designate donors for specific patients. Unlike *directed* donations, where a patient selects and approves his own donors, designated donors will be selected by the blood center based on compatibility with one or more patients requiring antigen-negative blood.

These units (including directed donations which are already in place) are eligible for cross-over to the general inventory, if unused by the intended patient. They do not require relabeling.

Attached is an example label to test in your computer system, in advance of the full list of new product codes we'll be sending soon. All designated units will be identified by a "4" in the place of the "V" or "D" currently in use for volunteer (allogeneic) and directed donors.



We expect to be implementing this program in the next few months. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the blood center (Jill Evans, VP of Quality) at 352.224.1634 or jaevans@lifesouth.org.