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To: Hospital Transfusion Services

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Subject: AABB Standard 5.1.5.2

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, Inc. currently complies with AABB BB/TS Standard 5.1.5.2, "The BB/TS shall have methods to detect bacteria or use pathogen reduction technology in all platelet components," by testing apheresis platelets and pooled whole-blood-derived platelets for bacterial contamination using the FDA cleared Pall eBDS Oxygen Analyzer or BacT/ALERT 3D Microbial Detection System in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

As always, LifeSouth is committed to providing a safe blood supply that meets or exceeds the needs in each community we serve, and to providing a variety of services in support of ongoing and emerging blood and transfusion related activities.

Please feel free to contact me at 1-888-795-2707 if you have any further questions.

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