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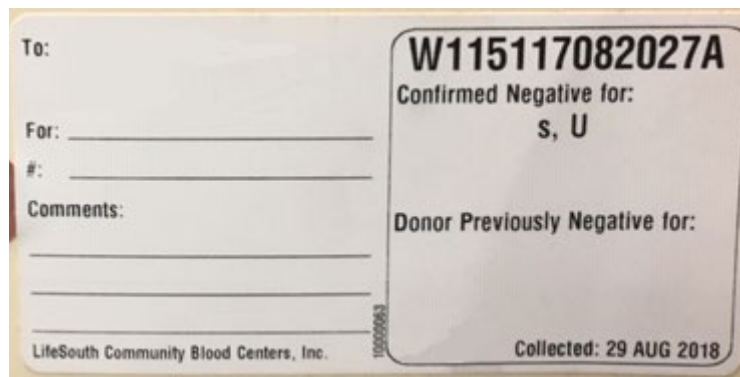
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To: Directors of Clinical Laboratories
Directors of Transfusion Services
From: Chris Lough, MD
Subject: Special Antigen Units

LifeSouth is implementing new technology for tagging special antigen units. A computer-generated 2 x 4 label (affixed to a hangtag) will replace the manually-generated labels/tags previously distributed.

The label will be printed from our computer system based on testing results stored in our database, thus ensuring accuracy in phenotype reporting.

The tags will look similar to this one:



Printed phenotyping results fall into two categories:

1. **Confirmed Negative:** indicates the *current* unit has been tested and found negative for the antigen.
2. **Donor Previously Negative:** indicates two previous negative results have been obtained on this donor. Note that LifeSouth also refers to these as "Historically Negative."

The tags will have space for Patient Name (if desired) and # (if desired), and a Comments section, which will include notes about molecular testing, non-FDA licensed antisera, etc.

Of note, in some cases, your order for Historically Negative units may be filled with a unit that is tagged as Confirmed Negative.

As always, LifeSouth continues to innovate and improve to assist our hospitals in providing better patient care.

Please feel free to me with any questions or concerns you have about these new tags:

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