



March 14, 2018

To: Directors of Clinical Laboratories
Directors of Transfusion Services

Subject: AABB Standard 5.4.1.3 (TRALI Mitigation Strategies)

LifeSouth adheres to AABB Standard 5.4.1.3:

Plasma, Apheresis Platelets and Whole Blood for allogeneic transfusion shall be from males, females who have not been pregnant, or females who have been tested since their most recent pregnancy and results interpreted as negative for HLA antibodies.

LifeSouth currently performs HLA Antibody (HLAAB) testing on donations from females with a history of pregnancy when both of these criteria exist:

- Donor has prior pregnancies and no HLAAB negative result on file, or donor indicates her number of pregnancies has increased since the date of her most recent HLAAB negative result on file, and
- The donor donates apheresis platelet components or plasma components (from apheresis or whole blood).

LifeSouth does not provide Plasma, Apheresis Platelets, or Whole Blood components for transfusion if the donor has a current or historical HLAAB positive result. LifeSouth's computer system prevents labeling and shipping of such components.

As always, LifeSouth is committed to providing a safe blood supply that meets or exceeds the needs of each community we serve, as well as 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juan A. Merayo-Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.

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