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Date: June 22, 2007
To: Creighton University Medical Center Blood Bank Clients
From: Lisa N. Tyler, M.D., Medical Director CUMC Blood Bank
Subject: Changes in plasma products offered by CUMC Blood Bank

CMA Providers:

The American Red Cross (ARC) is distributing plasma predominantly from male donors to limit the risk of Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI). To meet the demand, the ARC has begun to distribute plasma frozen within 24 hours of collection. This product may be used interchangeably with Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP) and when an order for FFP is placed, the product label may read "Plasma: Frozen within 24 hours of phlebotomy". Levels of all clotting factors except Factor VIII are unaffected by the increased time prior to freezing. The decrease in Factor VIII is not clinically significant.

Please contact the blood bank at 449-4897 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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