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| WFBMC Logo.jpg | **Blood Product Shortage Policy**  **Policy Number: BB-1012** | **Type:** | **INSERT TIER #** |
| **Original Effective Date:** | **3/1/05** |
| **Current (Revised) Date:** | **12/9/2013** |
| **Contact:** | **Blood Bank** |
| **Approval Signature:** | | **Date Approved:** |  |
| **Typed Name and Title: Emmanuel Fadeyi, MD, Director Transfusion Services** | | | |

1. General Policy Statement (Entities Affected / Responsible Party for Implementation)

It is the policy of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center to manage a limited blood supply during a shortage to protect the safety of our patients as completely as possible given the constraints and nature of the blood product shortage

a) Scope: All WFBMC employees, faculty and staff are responsible for complying with this policy

b) Responsible Department/Party/Parties:

1. Policy Owner: Blood Bank
2. Procedure: Blood Bank
3. Supervision: Blood Bank
4. Implementation: Blood Bank
5. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Policy, the following terms and definitions apply:
   1. WFBMC: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and all affiliated organizations including Wake Forest University Health Sciences (WFUHS), North Carolina Baptist Hospital (NCBH), all on-site subsidiaries as well as those off-site governed by WFBMC policies and procedures.
   2. Policy: As defined in the Policy on Creating and Amending Policy, a statement of principle that is developed for the purpose of guiding decisions and activities related to governance, administration, or management of care, treatment, services or other activities of WFUBMC. A policy may help to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, promote one or more of the missions of WFBMC, contain guidelines for governance, and set parameters within which faculty, staff, students, visitors and others are expected to operate.
   3. {Utilize any of the above and add other definitions as deemed necessary for the clear statement of the }
6. **Policy Guidelines:**
   1. Mild or short-term shortages
      1. Blood storages usually require management of the blood supply through methods internal to the blood bank, including
         * Communication with primary teams
         * Transfusion order screening
         * Inventory conservation methods
         * Consultation with the blood supplier
      2. The medical director of the blood bank may triage blood orders or ration blood products as necessary to conserve the institution’s blood supply for the patients
   2. More severe shortages
      1. Perform as necessary procedures for short term shortages
      2. The medical director of the blood bank shall contact the following as necessary in order to coordinate more aggressive blood conservation methods
         * The Chair of the Transfusion Committee
         * Chief Medical Officer
         * Department Chairs and Section Head Physicians
         * Hospital Administration

**4) Review/Revision/Implementation**

a) Review Cycle: This policy shall be reviewed by the Blood Bank Medical Director

at least every 3 years from the effective date.

b) Office of Record: After authorization, the Legal Department shall house this policy in a policy database and shall be the office of record for this policy. REMEMBER: typically this is the Legal Department.

**5) Related Policies**

**6) Governing Law or Regulations**

American Association of Blood Banks: *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*; 28th Edition; (2012)

**7) Attachments**