

## TRAINING UPDATE

**Lab Location:** SGAH and WAH  
**Department:** Blood Bank

**Date Implemented:** 6.3.2014  
**Due Date:** 6.8.2014

### DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE REVISION

#### **Name of procedure:**

Platelet Aliquot Preparation

#### **Description of change(s):**

1. When platelets are aliquotted, the ORIGINAL PARENT product will become part "AO" and the first aliquot will be "BO." Subsequent aliquots will be Aa, Ab, Ac, etc.
2. Following aliquot, the labels for BOTH the parent and aliquot will print automatically.
3. Ensure the new labels are adhered to BOTH the parent and aliquot BEFORE separating them from each other.
4. You will have to handwrite the volume of anticoagulant on the new platelet label.
5. Label check MUST be performed for BOTH units.
6. The aliquots will have an "A" product code instead of an "E" product code. This is so aliquots will automatically bill in Sunquest (if we use the E code, we will have to manually bill).

Non-Technical SOP

<b>Title</b>	<b>Platelet Aliquot Preparation</b>	
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**1. PURPOSE**

To describe the procedure for making small-volume platelet aliquots from apheresis platelet products. This procedure allows small amounts of a platelet unit to be transfused over the lifespan of the original blood product. This process limits donor exposures and decreases donor-related risks in the recipient while minimizing overall blood product wastage.

**2. SCOPE**

This procedure applies to small-volume platelet transfusions requested for a neonate or small child. SGAH staff members perform all platelet aliquot procedures for WAH and SGAH.

**3. RESPONSIBILITY**

All blood bank staff members must be trained and competent in platelet aliquot preparation to ensure the purity, potency, and safety of the aliquotted platelet product.

**4. DEFINITIONS**

N/A

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5. PROCEDURE

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1	The patient care area will order platelet aliquots using test "TPLTNE." Review the order, special instructions, and volume.
2	Obtain the supplies necessary to aliquot a platelet: A. Transfer pack B. Sterile welding device C. Heat sealer D. Scale E. Hemostats
3	Perform daily QC of the scale if needed.
4	Select a platelet that meets the recipient's transfusion specifications.  For neonatal transfusions, the following transfusion requirements should be met: A. Group AB platelets a. When AB platelets are not available, group-specific platelets may be used if an ABO retype has been performed on the recipient b. Volume-reduced platelets must be used if neither group AB or group-specific platelets are available. Refer to procedure, "Volume-Reduced and Saline-Replaced Platelet Products." c. Rh-negative females of child-bearing age (<50 years old) should receive Rh-negative platelets. These patients may receive Rh-positive platelets in emergency situations where Rh-negative platelets are unavailable. i. These patients will require RhIG within 72 hours of transfusion to minimize the potential for D sensitization. A physician's order is needed for RhIG administration. ii. Notify the BB Supervisor or on-call pathologist if the treating physician has questions. B. DO NOT transfuse any platelet product that is visibly contaminated with red cells C. Leukocyte reduced D. CMV-seronegative E. Irradiated
5	Tighten all connections. The hub connection nearest the syringe has disconnected on rare occasions.  <b>Use aseptic technique for this procedure!</b>

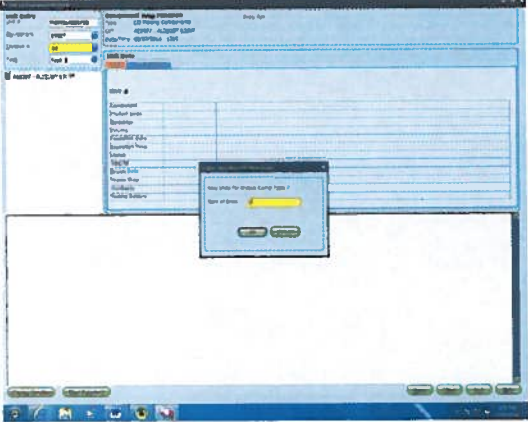
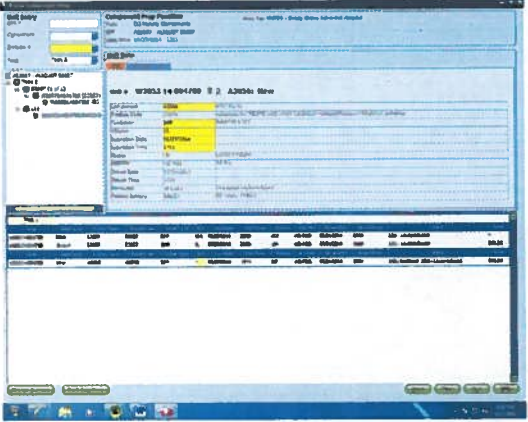
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6	Document the following on the "Product Modification Log" A. Tech identification B. Date of modification C. Unit number D. E code of original and new units (or A code if applicable) E. Lot number of bag. F. Wafer lot number
7	Gently mix the primary bag to resuspend the platelets.
8	Connect the transfer bag to the primary platelet per procedure, "Sterile Tubing Welder."
9	Tare the scale using an empty 150 mL transfer bag.
10	Allow the required amount of blood to flow into the transfer bag via gravity. Include an extra 5 mL of platelets to compensate for the volume that will be lost in the tubing.
11	Clamp the line when an appropriate volume of platelets has been transferred. Seal the line between the hemostat clamps using a tube sealer at least twice. <b>Do not separate the aliquot from the parent unit at this time.</b> A. Always ensure the hemostat is clamped between the parent unit and the location in which the tubing will be sealed. B. This will protect the sterility of the unit should the heat seal fail.
12	Access Sunquest function, Blood Component Preparation.  Note: Do not branch from blood component preparation from blood order processing.
13	At the "Value" prompt, type the aliquot function that corresponds to the platelet unit to be aliquotted then press the "Tab" key. The aliquot function is A + the E code of the platelet product. Refer to appendix A for additional information.
14	Press the tab key to default the current date and time as the aliquot time. Enter the date and time on which the aliquot was prepared if prepared at an earlier time (such as during computer downtime).
15	Click the continue button.

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16	<p>A second “Blood Component Prep” screen will appear.</p> <p>A. At the “Unit #” prompt, scan the unit number DIN of the parent platelet to be aliquotted.</p> <p>B. At the “Component” prompt, scan the product code of the parent platelet to be aliquotted. This will autofill both the product code and division fields.</p>
17	<p>A pop-up screen will appear asking the user to indicate the number of units that will be prepared (ie the number of aliquots being prepared at one time).</p> <p>A. Enter 1 in the field.</p> <p>B. Click the “OK” button.</p> 
18	<p>On the next screen, click on the yellow circle containing the “N” (for new product). Enter the volume of the platelet aliquot being prepared, then press the “Tab” key.</p> 

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19	<p>Verify the new expiration dates/times. Document the new expiration date and time on the log.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The expiration date of the parent unit will not change if a closed system is used.</li> <li>B. The expiration date of the parent unit will change to 24 hours from the time of aliquot if an open system is used (ie the sterile connection failed). If an open system is used, the output blood product codes in appendix A do not apply. See a supervisor for guidance.</li> <li>C. The expiration date of the aliquot will always be 4 hours from the time of preparation, regardless of whether an open or closed system is used.</li> </ul>
20	Click the "Save" button.
21	<p>A "Preview Output/New Units" screen will appear. Review the information to ensure accuracy, then click on the "finish" button to generate new labels for the parent and aliquotted products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The first time an aliquot is prepared, the system will convert the parent unit to division "AO" and the aliquot to division "BO."</li> <li>B. All subsequent divisions will assign a division code to the aliquot using the division labeling convention of "Aa, Ab, Ac, Ad.....Az."</li> </ul>
22	Adhere the new labels to BOTH the parent unit and the aliquot. <b>Ensure you adhere the "AO" label to the parent unit.</b>
23	After labeling, disconnect the aliquot from the parent unit.
24	<p>Calculate the volume of platelets remaining in the parent product (original bag) using the formula:</p> <p>Original volume – aliquotted volume = new volume</p>

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25	<p>Calculate the amount of anticoagulant in both the aliquotted and parent platelet product using the following formula. Document the volume of anticoagulant in the designated are on the label of each product.</p> $\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Amount of Anticoagulant in Platelet}}{\text{Volume of Platelet}}$ <p>Volume of anticoagulant in the aliquot = ratio x aliquot volume</p> <p>Volume of anticoagulant in the parent platelet = ratio x remaining volume</p> <p>For example,            A platelet label indicates an anticoagulant volume of 32 mL and a total volume of 197 mL.</p> <p>The ratio would be:            Ratio = 32 mL ÷ 197 mL = 0.16</p> <p>Assume the new aliquot is 25 mL. The amount of anticoagulant is:            0.16 x 25 mL = 4 mL of anticoagulant in the aliquot.</p>
26	<p>Document the following on the "Product Modification Log."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Division of the new product.</li> <li>B. Documentation of the weld inspection.</li> </ul>
27	<p>Irradiate the aliquot per procedure. Do not perform the blood component preparation functions for irradiation as the aliquot function automatically performs these steps.</p>
28	<p>Perform label checks on both the parent product and the aliquot in Sunquest per procedure.</p>
29	<p>Allocate the platelet aliquot per procedure.</p>
30	<p>Return the parent product and the aliquot to the platelet rotator for storage. Aliquots should be transfused as soon as possible after preparation.</p>
31	<p>Platelet products are transfused via the component recipient set.</p>

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32	<p>The original, parent platelet product can be issued until expiration as long as the platelet yield remains <math>&gt;3.0 \times 10^{11}</math>.</p> <p>A. The platelet yield is often attached to the platelet by tie tag. If the platelet count is not attached to the unit, it can be obtained by calling the blood supplier.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;"> <p>WBN/DIN <u>53GK 63940</u></p> <p>Platelet Yield <u>5.9</u> <math>\times 10^{11}</math></p> <p>Initials <u>AME</u> Date <u>01152011</u></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Form 020210-0409</p> </div> <p>B. Use the following formula to calculate the platelet count of the unit from which the aliquot was taken:</p> $\text{Platelet count} \times 10^6 = \frac{\text{Platelet Yield} \times 10^{11}}{\text{Original Volume}}$ $\text{Yield of new product} \times 10^{11} = \text{New Volume} \times \text{Platelet Count} \times 10^6$ <p>For example,</p> <p>A platelet has a platelet yield of <math>5.9 \times 10^{11}</math> and an original volume of 200mL. A 50 mL aliquot was removed from the parent unit leaving a new volume of 150mL. The platelet yield of the product is:</p> $(5.9 \times 10^{11}) \div 200\text{mL} = 2950 \times 10^6 \text{ platelet count}$ $(2950 \times 10^6) \times 150\text{mL} = \text{platelet yield of } 4.4 \times 10^{11}$

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- SOP: Volume-Reduced and Saline-Replaced Platelet Products
- SOP: Sterile Tubing Welder
- SOP: Blood Component Irradiation
- Form: Product Modification Log (AG.F01)
- SOP: Scale Quality Control
- SOP: Blood Label Check

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**8. REVISION HISTORY**

Version	Date	Reason for Revision	Revised By	Approved By
		Supersedes SGAH B407.003		
000	11.6.12	Section 5: Updated procedure to require placing 2 hemostat clamps (1 near each bag) and seal in between clamps; added second check of unit CMV status	SCodina	NCacciabeve
001	5.8.13	Section 5: Added ISBT-128 Information Section 9: Added appendix B	SCodina	NCacciabeve
002	5.27.14	Section 5: Removed references to codabar-labeled units. Updated LIS instructions to include the Sunquest v6.4 upgrade. Moved appendix for blood component preparation in the LIS to the procedure. Section 9: Re-numbered appendix Footer: version # leading zero's dropped due to new EDCS in use as of 10/7/13.	SCodina	NCacciabeve

**9. ADDENDA AND APPENDICES**

Appendix A: Platelet Aliquot Blood Component Prep Functions

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**Appendix A**  
**Platelet Aliquot Blood Component Prep Functions**

**Platelet Aliquot Products**

<b>Original Product Code</b>	<b>Component Prep Function</b>	<b>Final Product Code</b>
E3077	AE3077	A3046
E3087	AE3087	A3056
E3088	AE3088	A3057
E3089	AE3089	A3058
E4643	AE4643	A4647
E4644	AE4644	A4648

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