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Re: Erratum for *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 25th edition

Please note that the following error has been identified in the *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 25th edition.

Standard 5.7.5.16

When standard 5.7.5.16, Platelets, was published in the 25th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services* an underline indicating a “greater than or equal to” notation was left out of the section identifying the minimum platelet count. As published, the standard appears as follows:

5.7.5.16 PLATELETS (Platelets)
Validation and quality control of Platelets from whole blood shall demonstrate that at least 90% of units sampled contain $>5.5 \times 10^{10}$ platelets and have a pH ≥ 6.2 at the end of allowable storage. FDA criteria apply.*

*21 CFR 640.25(b)(2) and 640.24(d).

The standard is corrected below. It should appear as follows (note the edit in bold):

5.7.5.16 PLATELETS (Platelets)
Validation and quality control of Platelets from whole blood shall demonstrate that at least 90% of units sampled contain $\geq 5.5 \times 10^{10}$ platelets and have a pH ≥ 6.2 at the end of allowable storage. FDA criteria apply.*

*21 CFR 640.25(b)(2) and 640.24(d).

Please make note of this change in your copy of the 25th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*.