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To: AABB Institutional Members

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Re: Errata for *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 26th edition

Please note that the following errors have been identified in the *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 26th edition.

1) Standard 5.1.5.2

When standard 5.1.5.2, was published in the 26th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, a reference to standard 5.2.3 was included, but the intention was to reference standard 5.2.4. As published, the standard appears as follows:

5.1.5.2 When a true-culture positive result is obtained and an appropriate specimen is available, additional testing to identify the organism shall be performed. Additional testing and follow-up shall be defined. Standards 5.2.3 and 7.1 to 7.1.4 apply.

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

5.1.5.2 When a true-culture positive result is obtained and an appropriate specimen is available, additional testing to identify the organism shall be performed. Additional testing and follow-up shall be defined. Standards ~~5.2.3~~ **5.2.4** and 7.1 to 7.1.4 apply.

2) Reference Standard 5.1.8A, Requirements for Storage, Transport and Expiration

When reference standard 5.1.8A, #27 concerning Fresh Frozen Plasma was published in the 26th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, an underline indicating a “less than or equal to” notation was left out of expiration and additional criteria columns. As published, the standard appears as follows:

Reference Standard 5.1.8A—Requirements for Storage, Transportation, and Expiration

Item No.	Component	Storage	Transport	Expiration ¹	Additional Criteria
27	Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)	≤-18 C or ≤-65 C	Maintain frozen state	<-18 C: 12 months	Placed in freezer within 8 hours of

				<-65 C: 7 years	collection in CPD, CP2D, CPDA-1, or within 6 hours of collection in ACD or as FDA-cleared Storage at <-65 requires FDA approval if product is stored for longer than 12 months.
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3) Reference Standard 5.4.1A—Requirements for Allogeneic Donor Qualification

When reference standard 5.4.1A, #5 concerning Hemoglobin/Hematocrit was published in the 26th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, an underline indicating a “greater than or equal to” notation was left out of the criteria/description/examples column. As published, the standard appears as follows:

Reference Standard 5.4.1A—Requirements for Allogeneic Donor Qualification*

Category	Criteria/Description/Examples	Deferral Period
5) Hemoglobin/Hematocrit	• ≥12.5 g/dL/>38%; blood obtained by earlobe puncture shall not be used for this determination For Double Red Blood Cell collections – follow operator’s manual for instrument.	

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4) Glossary

When the Glossary was printed, three terms that had been included were unintentionally omitted from the published version of the 26th edition of *Standards*. The terms all concern deferral times stated in reference standard 5.4.1A. The terms and their definitions are included below:

Indefinite Deferral: A deferral applied to a donor who is unable to donate blood for someone else for an unspecified period of time.

Permanent Deferral: A deferral applied to a donor who will never be eligible to donate blood for someone else.

Temporary Deferral: A deferral applied to a donor who is unable to donate for a specified period of time.

Please make note of these changes in your copy of the 26th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*.