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To: AABB Institutional Members

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Re: Errata for *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 27th edition

Please note that the following errors have been identified in the *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*, 27th edition. Please make note of these changes in your copy of the 27th edition of *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*.

**1) Footnote to standard 5.1.6.3.1**

There is a typo in the footnote identified by the symbol †. It appears as follows in the publication:

- 5.1.6.3.1** The following requirements shall apply:
- 1) Labeling of blood and blood component containers shall be in conformance with the most recent version of the United States Industry Consensus Standard for the Uniform Labeling of Blood and Blood Components using ISBT 128.\* Units conforming to 1985 FDA Uniform Labeling Guidelines are acceptable if collected and labeled before May 1, 2008.†

†Units collected and labeled before ISBT 128 implementation may be relabeled using Codabar.

The standard is corrected below.

- 5.1.6.3.1** The following requirements shall apply:
- 1) Labeling of blood and blood component containers shall be in conformance with the most recent version of the United States Industry Consensus Standard for the Uniform Labeling of Blood and Blood Components using ISBT 128.\* Units conforming to 1985 FDA Uniform Labeling Guidelines are acceptable if collected and labeled before May 1, 2008.†

†Units collected and **labeled** before ISBT 128 implementation may be relabeled using Codabar.

**2) The title of standard 5.23**

There is a spelling error in the title of this standard, which appears in the publication as follows:

**5.23 Discrepancy Resolution**

The standard is corrected below.

**5.23 Discrepancy Resolution**

**3) Incorrect citation in reference standard 5.1.8A**

The cross-reference to standard 5.25.5 appears incorrectly as a reference to standard 5.25.8. The standard appears as follows in the publication:

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

Item No.	Component	Storage	Transport	Expiration <sup>1</sup>	Additional Criteria
Granulocyte Components					
22	Apheresis Granulocytes	20-24 C	20-24 C (as close as possible to)	24 hours	Transfuse as soon as possible; standard 5.25.8 applies
23	Apheresis Granulocytes Irradiated	20-24 C	20-24 C (as close as possible to)	No change from original expiration date	Transfuse as soon as possible; standard 5.25.8 applies

The standard is corrected below.

Item No.	Component	Storage	Transport	Expiration <sup>1</sup>	Additional Criteria
Granulocyte Components					
22	Apheresis Granulocytes	20-24 C	20-24 C (as close as possible to)	24 hours	Transfuse as soon as possible; standard 5.25. <del>58</del> applies
23	Apheresis Granulocytes Irradiated	20-24 C	20-24 C (as close as possible to)	No change from original expiration date	Transfuse as soon as possible; standard 5.25. <del>58</del> applies

#### 4) Retention times in reference standard 6.2C

Several retention times in Reference Standard 6.2C, Retention of Other Documents and Records, were not clearly articulated. Entries 9, 10 and 12 in this table have been expanded through the inclusion of the clause “after retirement of the equipment” to clarify that records of equipment qualification and validation for devices with a life cycle longer than 10 years should not be destroyed.

In the publication, the standard appears as follows:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Record to Be Maintained</b>	<b>Minimum Retention Time (in Years)<sup>1,2</sup></b>
9	3.2	Equipment qualification	10
10	3.3	Equipment validation	10
12	3.5	Monitoring and maintenance of equipment	10

The standard is corrected below. Note the edits in bold.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Record to Be Maintained</b>	<b>Minimum Retention Time (in Years)<sup>1,2</sup></b>
9	3.2	Equipment qualification	<b>10 after retirement of the equipment</b>
10	3.3	Equipment validation	<b>10 after retirement of the equipment</b>
12	3.5	Monitoring and maintenance of equipment	<b>10 after retirement of the equipment</b>

### 5) Retention time updates in reference standard 6.2C

The retention time for entry 13 was changed in the 27th edition to 10 years. As a result, the retention times for entries 14, 27, 28 and 36 should have been changed as well. They appear as follows in the publication:

Item No.	Standard	Record to Be Maintained	Minimum Retention Time (in Years) <sup>1,2</sup>
14	3.6.3	Monitoring of Liquid nitrogen levels or temperature.	5
27	5.1.8.1.2	Records of storage temperatures for blood products	5
28	5.1.8.1.2.1	Ambient temperature recorded every 4 hours when components are stored in open storage area	5
36	7.1.4	Nature of nonconformances discovered after release and subsequent actions taken, including acceptance for use	5

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

Item No.	Standard	Record to Be Maintained	Minimum Retention Time (in Years) <sup>1,2</sup>
13	3.6.2	Temperature monitoring of refrigerators, freezers and platelet incubators	10
14	3.6.3	Monitoring of Liquid nitrogen levels or temperature.	<del>5</del> <b>10</b>
27	5.1.8.1.2	Records of storage temperatures for blood products	<del>5</del> <b>10</b>
28	5.1.8.1.2.1	Ambient temperature recorded every 4 hours when components are stored in open storage area	<del>5</del> <b>10</b>
36	7.1.4	Nature of nonconformances discovered after release and subsequent actions taken, including acceptance for use	<del>5</del> <b>10</b>