

COMMUNITY BLOOD COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
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Information Regarding TRALI Risk Mitigation

This is to inform you that the Community Blood Council of New Jersey, Inc. will continue to reduce patient's exposure to HLA antibodies by following, **AABB Association Bulletin #14-02 / Standard 5.4.1.2** that contains the recommendations to reduce the risk of transfusion-related acute lung injury (TRALI) to recipients of plasma transfusions.

Listed below is our TRALI Risk Mitigation strategy:

Whole Blood Donors:

Plasma from whole blood donors with a history of pregnancy or transfusion will be manufactured into recovered plasma.

Apheresis Platelet Donors:

Apheresis platelet donors with a history of pregnancy, transfusion or transplantation will be tested for HLA antibodies upon their initial donation. If the donor tests positive, they will be excluded from donating apheresis platelets and the product discarded. If the donor tests negative, they are eligible to continue donating apheresis platelets. If there is a change in the donors pregnancy, transfusion or transplantation history the donor will be retested for HLA antibodies.

Red Blood Cell / Plasmapheresis:

Donors who respond "yes" to pregnancy or transfusion history will not be permitted to donate Red Blood Cell / Plasmapheresis products.