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New Blood Product Vendor: Vitalant (formerly ITxM)

Effective: 11/1/18

The transfusion services at WVU Medicine to include BMC and JMC laboratory blood banks were recently notified of a change in blood supplier. Due to the unexpected acquisition of Virginia Blood Services by another supplier, all primary contracted blood products will now be supplied by Vitalant out of Pittsburgh, PA rather than VBS out of Richmond, VA. The change was effective on November 1, 2018.

Vitalant is committed to continuing the great service and fill rate we have experienced with ITxM. To address geographical concerns, Vitalant has increased our par levels to include a “safety stock” of additional product in-house. The safety stock will be periodically evaluated to ensure it is adequate. See next page for the planned changes to BMC and JMC par levels.

Helicopter stock of blood remains unchanged.

Inventory within WVU Medicine can continue to be moved between facilities by courier or cab.

*If you have any questions call BMC at 304-264-1212, option #7 or JMC at 304-728-1759



Berkeley Par Recommendations for Safety Stock:

RBCs	Current	w/Safety Stock
O+	18	20
A+	18	21
B+	4	4
O-	6	8
A-	6	6
B-	2	2
SDPs	2	3
FFP		
O	10	11
A	10	12
B	10	11
AB	10	11

SDP=Single Donor Platelets

Jefferson Par Recommendations for Safety Stock:

RBCs	Current	w/Safety Stock
O+	8	9
A+	5	7
O-	4	5
A-	3	3
FFP		
O	4	4
A	4	4
B	2	2
AB	4	4