

No Specimen Required



## Platelet Transfusion

<b>Alternate Name:</b>		Transfuse Platelets Prepare Platelets for Transfusion
<b>Performing Lab:</b>		New Hanover and Cape Fear
<b>Specimen Container:</b>		No specimen
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>		N/A
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b>	24 hours/day
	<b>Stat:</b>	N/A
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>		< 1 hour
<b>Special Handling:</b>		None
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>		None
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>		
<b>Reference Range:</b>		N/A
<b>Critical Value:</b>		N/A
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>		
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>		N/A
<b>Other Comments:</b>		Patient must have a blood type on record in the Blood Bank.
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>		To prevent bleeding due to thrombocytopenia. The threshold of thrombocytopenia at which bleeding may occur will vary depending on the patient's clinical condition. In general, spontaneous bleeding does not occur until the platelet count falls below 5,000 - 10,000/ $\mu$ L.