



# ATLANTA BLOOD SERVICES

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### For Hospital Customers of Atlanta Blood Services Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) Mitigation Strategies

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Atlanta Blood Services is committed to providing a safe and secure blood supply by reducing risk for transfusion related complications. To reduce the risk of Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) the following strategies are used.

- Apheresis Platelets and plasma are collected from males, females who have not been pregnant or females who have been tested since their most recent pregnancy and results interpreted as negative for HLA antibodies.
- Donors testing reactive for HLA antibodies are deferred from donating high volume plasma products and are notified of their donation status
- Donors with blood products implicated in a possible TRALI case and, upon testing are found to be reactive for anti-HLA antibodies, are permanently deferred from allogeneic blood donations.
- Donors who are the only provider of blood components to a patient with a suspected case of TRALI, and do not test reactive for anti-HLA antibodies, are permanently deferred from allogeneic blood donations if determined as such following Medical Director review.
- Imported Apheresis Platelets and plasma products meet the same criteria as outlined above.

AABB Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, current edition:  
Standard 5.4.1.2  
Standard 5.4.1.3

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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