

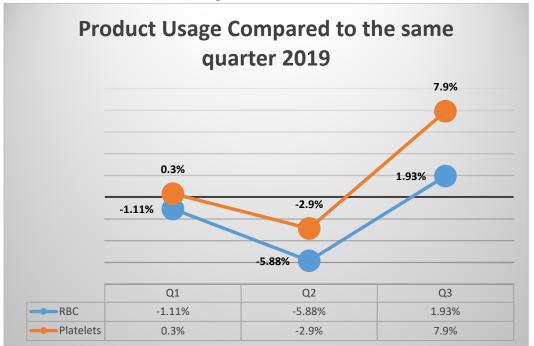
# **Quality Excellence Overview**

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## % Quarterly RBC National Demand



Overall demand for platelets stayed high nationally and began to increase in the third quarter of 2020. Red cells decreased for the first two quarters but then increased in the third quarter as hospitals began to ramp up elective procedures. One of the interesting national trends was a decrease in O negative demand and a subsequent increase in O positive demand as hospitals became stricter on right type transfusions.

## **Information from our Technical Services Supervisor**

### **Reporting Transfers of Products**

The FDA and AABB both require units to be identifiable and traceable to their final disposition. To ensure our products are traceable, hospital customers are required to record and report the transfers of our blood products. When a unit is transferred to another facility, this transfer must be reported to LifeServe. This not only provides an accurate audit trail of the unit but will also ensures the appropriate facility receives the billing associated with the transferred unit. If a transfer is not reported to LifeServe, it could also potentially delay a notification to the appropriate facility in the event of a recall or lookback notification. This makes it essential to document and report transfers concurrently when units are shipped to another location.

Units that failed to be reported as transferred are often discovered when LifeServe's record indicates we shipped a unit to "Hospital A", but "Hospital B" reports they have transfused the unit. Upon investigation, it is discovered that Hospital A transferred the unit to Hospital B but did not report the transfer to LifeServe. When this transfer is not documented appropriately, Hospital A could potentially receive billing, recalls, or lookback notifications that should be routed to Hospital B. This could delay the appropriate facility receiving critical information regarding a unit in their procession.

Please click the following link to our website for the SOP on Returning and Transferring Blood Products: LS-SOP-5093 Returning and Transferring Blood Products. The easiest way to report a unit transfer is utilizing our online ordering system, BloodHub, by initiating a new inventory transaction.

1. Start by selecting a "New Inventory Transaction" in the upper left



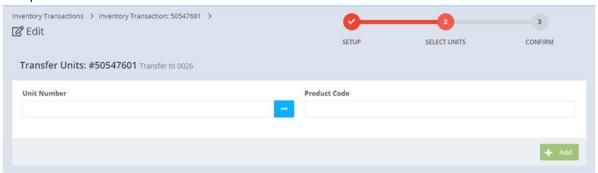
2. Select Transaction Type as "Transfer Units"



3. Under Settings, enter your transaction information including specifying the transfer destination. Advance to next page.



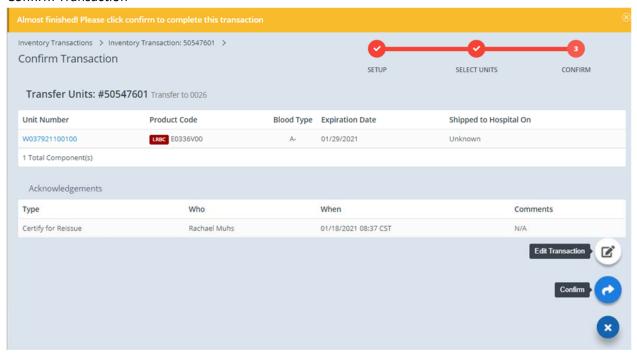
4. Scan or enter the Unit Number and Product Code. Click Add for each product type. Read and accept terms and conditions.



5. Read and accept terms and conditions. Advance to Next screen to Confirm.



### 6. Confirm Transaction



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