

# TECHNICAL SERVICES BULLETIN

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## IRRADIATION CHANGES

The Blood Connection will begin to use an x-ray irradiator during the month of June, 2018. We will apply the applicable irradiation indicator to the units irradiated using this technology. The tags will look slightly different than the current tags.

Examples:

This tag has the NOT present on the tag. This indicates that the product has not received sufficient irradiation and is unacceptable.



This tag indicates that the product has been irradiated and meets at least the minimal level of exposure.



NOTE: both tags would have the operator and date completed upon irradiation.

## WHOLE BLOOD

We have received some inquiries regarding the use of whole blood for trauma/MTP. We do plan on having this product available for order in the near future. Please contact me if you are interested in pursuing this product, or if you have questions:

Tracy Bridges [tbridges@thebloodconnection.org](mailto:tbridges@thebloodconnection.org) 864-751-3019

Some articles on this topic which you might find of interest:

<https://news.mayomedicallaboratories.com/2017/11/14/cold-stored-whole-blood-cold-stored-platelets/>