



**THE BLOOD  
CONNECTION**  
*Your Community Blood Center*

**The Blood Connection, Incorporated Policy for Bacterial Detection for  
Apheresis Platelet Products**

The Blood Connection, Incorporated uses Large Volume Delayed Sampling (LVDS) one-step culture strategy for bacterial detection testing on Apheresis Platelet products.

- Effective date for LVDS October 1, 2021
- Bacterial testing is performed on each platelet product
- Testing is performed  $\geq$  48 hours after collection stop time
- A sample volume of at least 16 ml per component is inoculated evenly into aerobic and anaerobic culture bottles
- Culture bottles are incubated using the Bact Alert Virtuo System
- Products which have negative-to-date results are released after a minimum of 12 hours incubation
- The culture bottles are held in Bact Alert Virtuo System throughout the life of the platelet product

