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ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM OFFICE
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ASBPO

11 APR 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR: Army Blood Program
Navy Blood Program
Air Force Blood Program

SUBJECT: Low Titer Group O Whole Blood for Contingency Support

1. Low titer Group O Whole Blood (WB) is a blood product which has been tested and found to have anti-A/anti-B antibody titers of $<1:256$. This product may be given to a recipient of any ABO type during damage control resuscitation based on the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) guidelines dated 2 June 2014. Low titer Group O WB may be supplied to far forward special operations medical teams or to Role of Care 2/3 facilities which lack apheresis platelets.
2. ASBPO requests each Service Blood Program to be capable of producing FDA licensed low titer Group O Whole Blood NLT 1 Oct 2016 at one or more of their blood donor centers to support our blood program. Each donated unit of whole blood must be tested and found to have anti-A and anti-B titers of $<1:256$ as per current guidelines. While ASBPO is not requesting the Service Blood Programs maintain a whole blood inventory for routine mission support, the Services have the discretion to utilize this product to augment local facility massive transfusion protocols when deemed appropriate by the medical director and service transfusion medical consultant.
3. ASBPO point of contact for this action is Lt Col Jerome Vinluan at DSN 761-8011, commercial (703) 681-8011, or via email at Jerome.L.Vinluan.mil@mail.mil.

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