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To: Directors of Clinical Laboratories
Directors of Transfusion Services

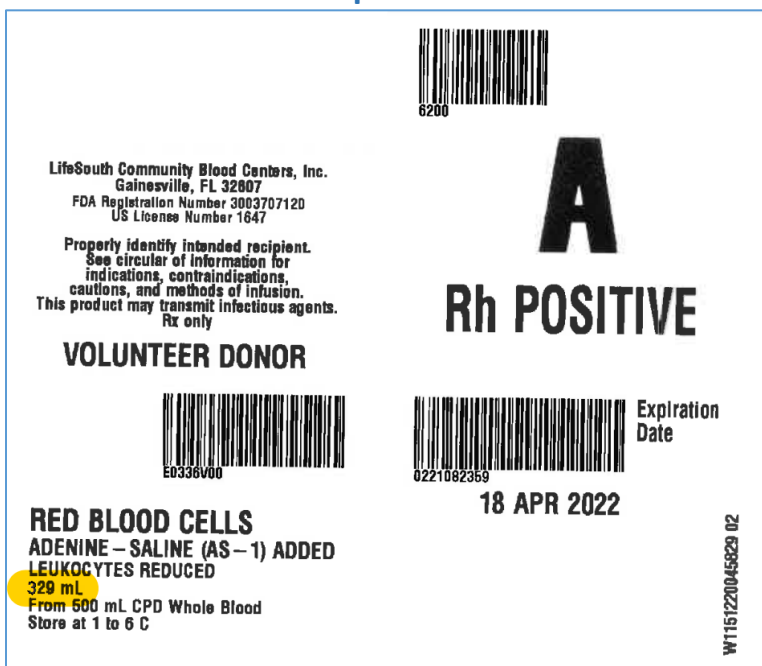
Subject: **Revised Labels for Red Blood Cells from Whole Blood**

Based on several hospital requests, LifeSouth will revise the labels on all whole-blood-derived Red Blood Cell (RBC) Components to include the RBC volume in the bottom left quadrant. This change will occur for CPD, AS-1, CP2D, AS-3, CPDA-1, and AS-5 RBC components. Note that the RBC volume already appears on apheresis RBC components. The RBC volume printed on the label reflects the RBC volume at the time the RBC was created. This volume may change slightly if sampling (such as for product QC, special antigen testing, etc.) occurs after product creation. If you believe the volume on the label is $\pm 10\%$ of the actual product volume, please contact your local LifeSouth region or notify LifeSouth's Quality Assurance Department (qa@lifesouth.org).

Refer to the sample RBC label below for an example of where the volume will appear.

We will implement this labeling change on all components labeled after February 1st.

Sample Label



If you have any questions, please contact QA@lifesouth.org.