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Re: Erratum for Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, 25th edition

Please note that the following error has been identified in the Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, 25th edition.

**Standard 5.7.5.16**

When standard 5.7.5.16, Platelets, was published in the 25th edition of Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services an underline indicating a “greater than or equal to” notation was left out of the section identifying the minimum platelet count. As published, the standard appears as follows:

5.7.5.16 **PLATELETS (Platelets)**
Validation and quality control of Platelets from whole blood shall demonstrate that at least 90% of units sampled contain >$5.5 \times 10^{10}$ platelets and have a pH $\geq 6.2$ at the end of allowable storage. FDA criteria apply.*

*21 CFR 640.25(b)(2) and 640.24(d).

The standard is corrected below. It should appear as follows (note the edit in bold):

5.7.5.16 **PLATELETS (Platelets)**
Validation and quality control of Platelets from whole blood shall demonstrate that at least 90% of units sampled contain $\geq 5.5 \times 10^{10}$ platelets and have a pH $\geq 6.2$ at the end of allowable storage. FDA criteria apply.*

*21 CFR 640.25(b)(2) and 640.24(d).

Please make note of this change in your copy of the 25th edition of Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services.