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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:45am ET | 10:45am CT | 9:45am MT | 8:45am PT

Is it time for the Death Knell for the Current US Apheresis Platelet Dose of 3.0×10^{11} ?

SESSION DETAILS

DESCRIPTION:

The session is intended to raise awareness about the need to consider lowering the dose of apheresis platelets in the United States in order to make platelets available for a greater number of patients. It will start with an examination of the international minimum doses of both whole blood derived and apheresis platelets. This will be followed by coverage of the advantages of lowering the dose. The session would conclude with a discussion of the disadvantages of lowering the dose.

OBJECTIVES:

- Examine the international minimum doses of both whole blood derived and apheresis platelets
- Critique advantages of lowering the minimum platelet dose such as increasing product availability.
- Determine disadvantages such as possible increase in number and frequency of transfusions and raise the question should dose affect the cost of platelets?

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