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# Use of Whole Blood in Hospitals

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| ▶ UpToDate       | Author: Post-hemorrhage Resuscitation |
| ▶ CSL Behring    | TAP Trial                             |
| ▶ NIH (NHLBI)    | TROOP Trial                           |
| ▶ Patent Pending | Blood Navigator (Arcos, Inc.)         |



# Further Reading

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW SERIES – REVIEWS

## Damage control resuscitation in adult trauma patients: What you need to know

Danny T. Lammers, MD and John B. Holcomb, MD, Birmingham, Alabama

*J Trauma Acute Care Surg* 95(4):464-461, Oct 2023.



SCAN ME

REVIEW



## What's new in whole blood resuscitation? In the trauma bay and beyond

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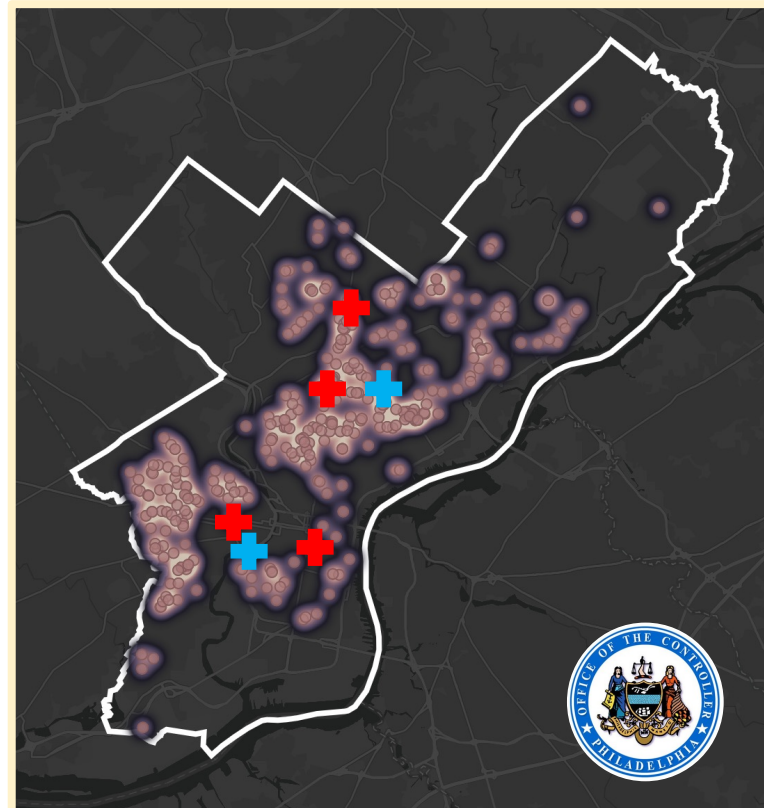


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# PPMC (Feb 2015 – present)



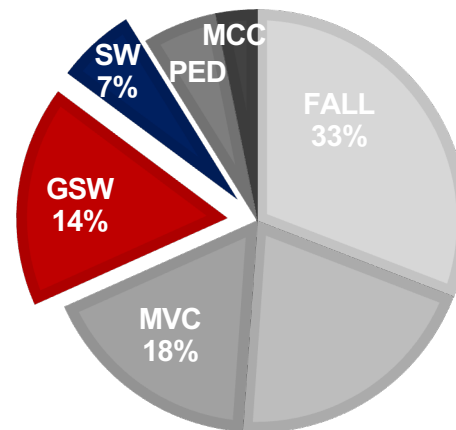
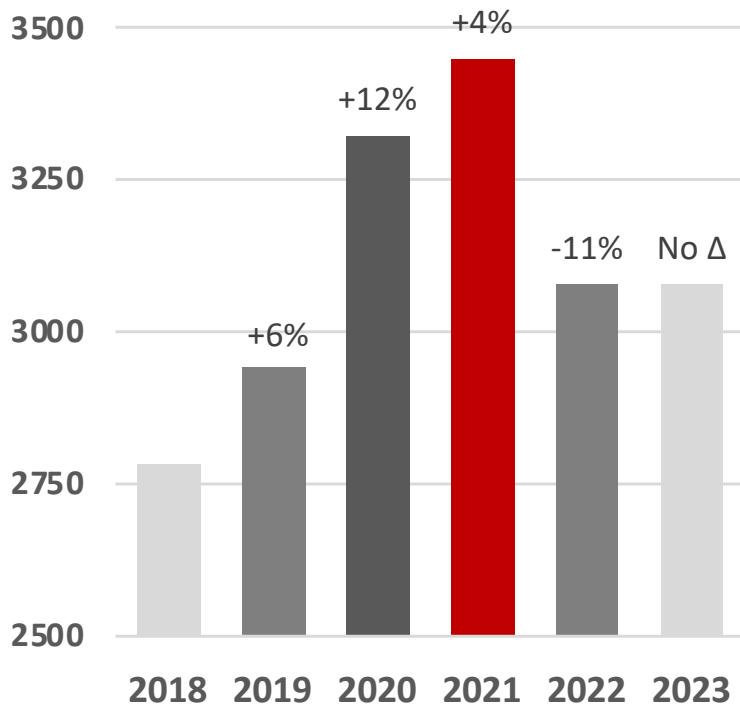
**MAY 2016 JPP STAR Unit Dedication**



Map of fatal shootings in Philadelphia in 2022

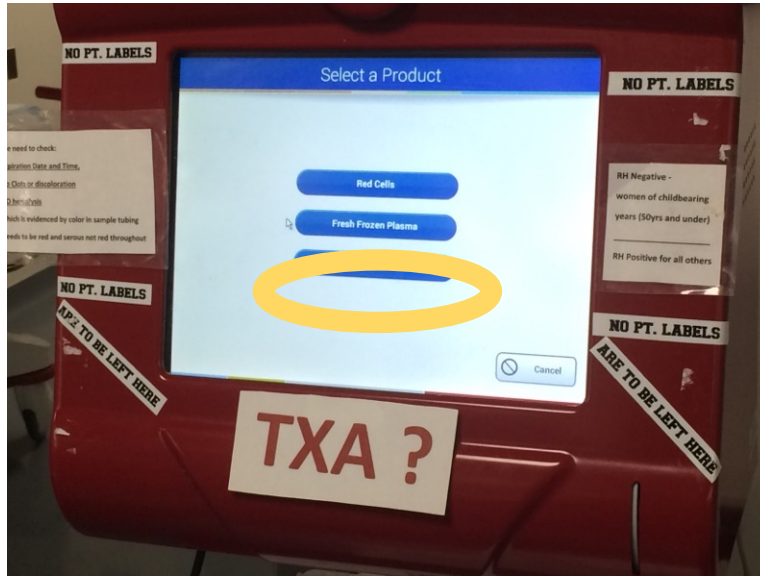
✚ Adult Level 1 TC ✚ Pediatric Level 1 TC

# Trauma Volume and MOI 2018-2023



|                 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Any Transfusion | 254  | 276  | 267  | 278  |
| MTP             | 69   | 71   | 77   | 87   |
| Whole Blood     | 108  | 114  | 132  | 160  |
| TEG Pts         | 314  | 389  | 474  | 583  |

# UPenn Whole Blood Protocol: Cold Stored **Type O**

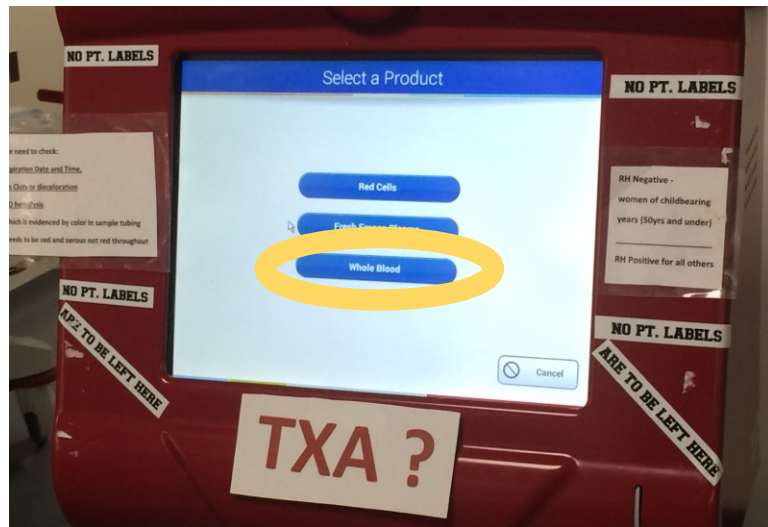


**Low-titer Type O WB from ARC**  
**4 Units in TB**  
**Stored up to 15 days**

**Males Any Age, Females Any Age**  
**ABC  $\geq$  2, Need for Blood in TB**  
**No EDT, No Severe TBI**



# UPenn Whole Blood Protocol: Cold Stored **Type O**



Go-Live Oct 2017  
>600 WB Patients  
~50% Mismatch

n=160 in  
**2023!!**

No Major Hemolytic Rxns  
1 case of TACO  
1 Female Recipient\*  
83% Survival (n=526/632)

# Hospital-Based Whole Blood For Trauma Patients

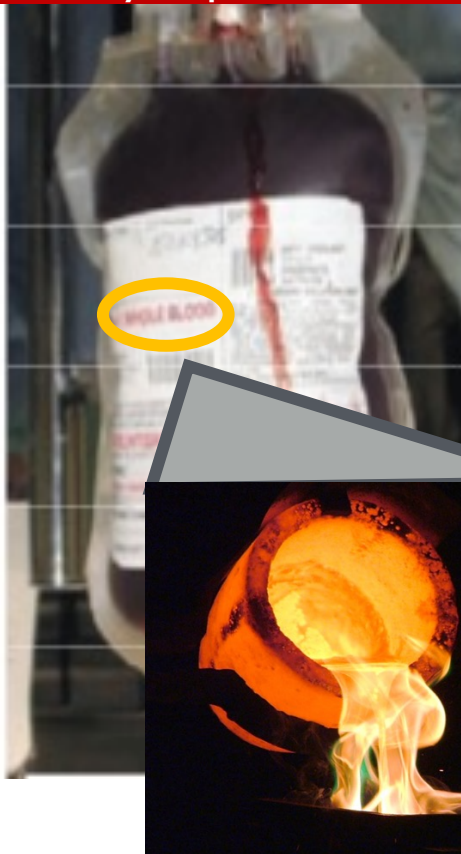




# What I love about WB....



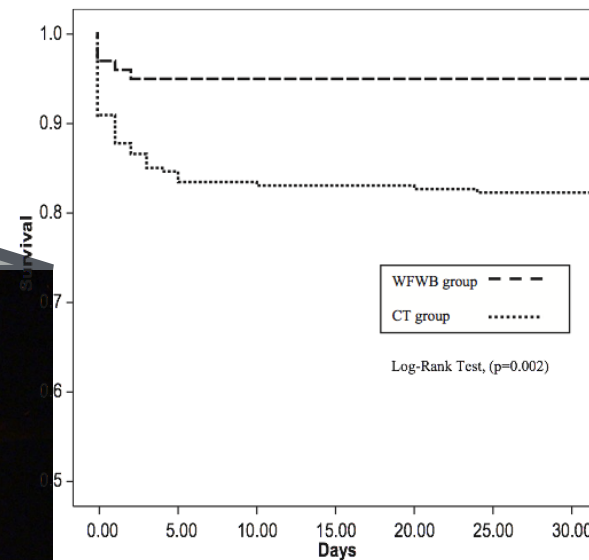
# Warm Fresh Whole Blood: Military Experience



## Warm Fresh Whole Blood Is Independently Associated With Improved Survival for Patients With Combat-Related Traumatic Injuries

Philip C. Spinella, MD, Jeremy G. Perkins, MD, Kurt W. Grathwohl, MD, Alec C. Beeley, MD, and John B. Holcomb, MD

*J Trauma.* 2009;66:S69–S76.



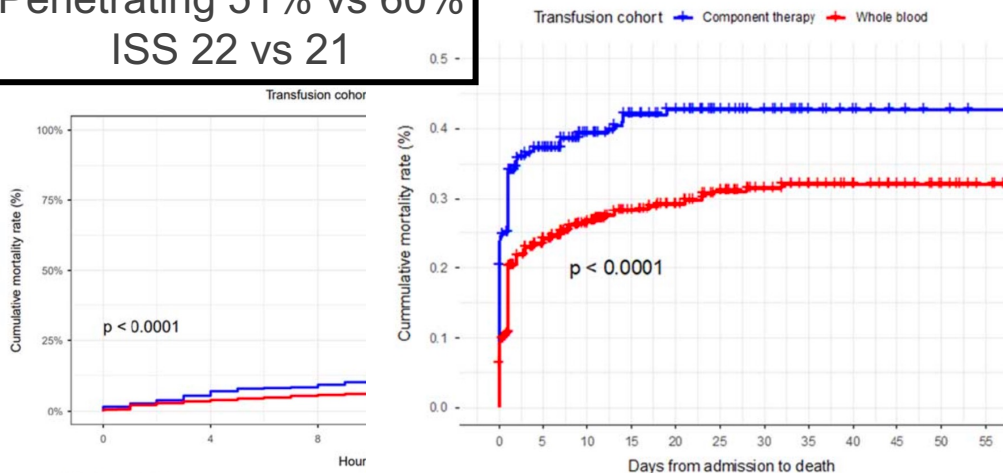
# Whole Blood Results: EAST

14 US Trauma Centers Using WB  
2016-2021, prospective obs  
1623 WB vs 443 Comp  
Primary Outcome: Hosp Mortality

Shock Index 0.9 vs 0.8  
Penetrating 51% vs 60%  
ISS 22 vs 21

Hosp Mortality: ??  
24-hr Mortality:  
14% vs 32%,  $p < 0.001$

Major Limitation:  
Convenience/Selection Bias



## ASA PAPER

### Use of Cold-Stored Whole Blood is Associated With Improved Mortality in Hemostatic Resuscitation of Major Bleeding

#### A Multicenter Study

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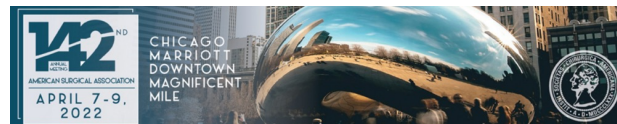


TABLE 3. Morbidity and Mortality Outcomes

| Outcome                                 | Adjusted OR (95% CI) | P        |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Mortality                               | 0.52 (0.39–0.70)     | < 0.0001 |
| Bleeding complications                  | 0.91 (0.91–0.91)     | < 0.001  |
| Acute kidney injury                     | 1.51 (0.92–2.48)     | 0.10     |
| Deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolism | 1.33 (0.76–2.31)     | 0.38     |
| Pulmonary complications                 | 0.86 (0.36–2.05)     | 0.73     |



## Whole Blood Resuscitation and Association with Survival in Injured Patients with an Elevated Probability of Mortality

Jason L Sperry, MD, MPH, FACS, Bryan A Cotton, MD, FACS, James F Luther, MA, Jeremy W Cannon, MD, FACS, Martin A Schreiber, MD, FACS, Ernest E Moore, MD, FACS, Nicholas Namias, MD, MBA, FACS, Joseph P Minei, MD, FACS, Stephen R Wisniewski, PhD, Frank X Guyette, MD, MPH, the Shock, Whole Blood, and Assessment of Traumatic Brain Injury (SWAT) Study Group

*JACS*. 2023;237(2):206-219.

7 US Trauma Centers  
2018-2021, prospective obs  
624 WB vs 427 Comp  
Primary Outcome: 4-Hr Mortality  
TBI: 16% vs 10%

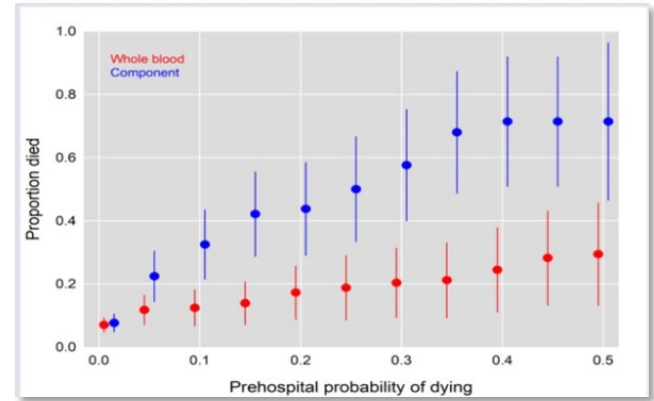
4-Hr Mortality: 8.2% vs 7.5%  
24-Hr Mortality: 13.4% vs 11.5%  
28-Day Mortality: 17.9% vs 15.5%

Post-Hoc Analysis  
Unexpected Survivors  
Dose-Response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZY0P93mBINU&t=66s>

## Shock, Whole Blood & Assessment of TBI (SWAT)

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# TROOP TRIAL

Trauma Resuscitation with group **W** whole blood **O** Products



# Whole Blood Results: Schreiber



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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AHEAD OF PRINT

**Whole blood versus balanced resuscitation in massive hemorrhage: six of one or half dozen of the other?**

Barton, Cassie A. PharmD, BCCPS, FCCM<sup>1</sup> ; Oetken, Heath J. PharmD, BCCCP<sup>1</sup> ; Hall, Nicolas L. AG-ACNP<sup>2</sup> ; Kolesnikov, Michael AG-ACNP, PhD(c)<sup>2</sup> ; Levins, Elizabeth S. PharmD, MHA, BCCCP<sup>1</sup> ; Sutton, Thomas MD, MCR<sup>2</sup> ; Schreiber, Martin MD<sup>2</sup> [Author Information](#) ✓

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Single US Trauma Center  
2016-2021, prospective obs

CAT+ MTP Patients

180 WB vs 170 Comp

Primary Outcome: 24h, 30d mort

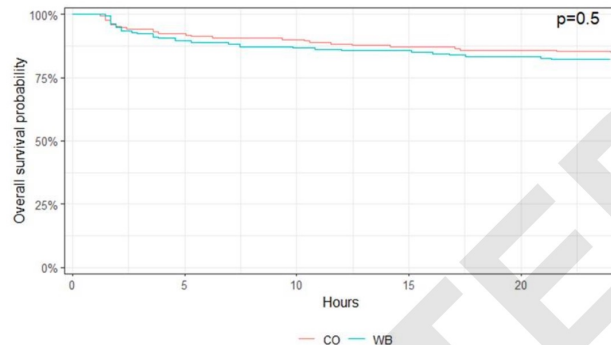
Groups Well Matched  
Penetrating: 27% vs 29%

24-Hr: 18% vs 15%,  $p=0.5$

30-Day: 32% vs 31%,  $p=0.5$

Cox HR WB Mortality:  
0.85, 95% CI 0.61-1.19,  $p=0.34$

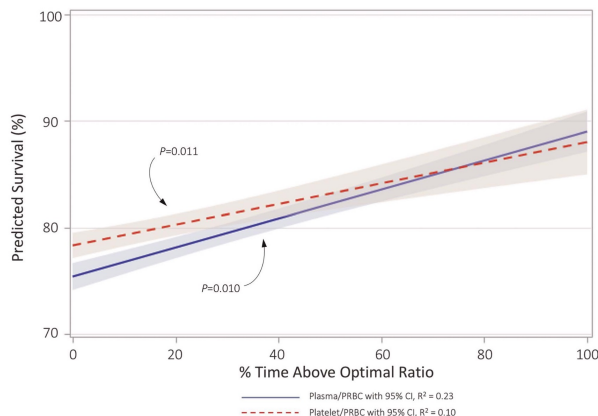
crystalloid fluid in their resuscitations. WB-based resuscitation resulted in a balanced resuscitation at all times, while CO resuscitation required adept attention to ratios of products administered and more frequently failed to meet balanced resuscitation goals when over twenty units were required within the first 24 hours of arrival.



# Discussion

- ▶ Warm Fresh Whole Blood == Gold Standard
- ▶ Benefits of cold stored type O WB for Trauma
  - Mortality benefit? (cold platelets, less anticoagulant/chelating agent)
  - Logistical benefit
  - Maintaining 1:1:1

| 24-Hr Survival          |  | OR (95% CI)       |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Injury Severity Score   |  | 0.97 (0.95, 0.99) |
| Prothrombin Time        |  | 0.95 (0.92, 0.98) |
| On-Target Plasma:PRBC   |  | 2.25 (1.20, 4.23) |
| On-Target Platelet:PRBC |  | 2.08 (0.87, 4.97) |



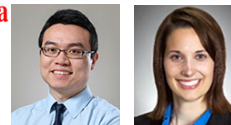
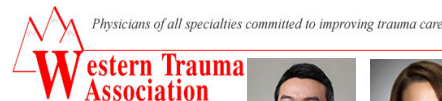
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OPEN

Staying on target: Maintaining a balanced resuscitation during damage-control resuscitation improves survival

Allyson M. Hynes, MD, Zhi Geng, MD, MPH, Daniela Schmulevich, MCM, Erin E. Fox, PhD, Christopher L. Meador, MBA, Dane R. Scantling, DO, MPH, Daniel N. Holena, MD, MSCE, Benjamin S. Abella, MD, MPH, Andrew J. Young, MD, Sara Holland, DNP, Pamela Z. Cacchione, PhD, Charles E. Wade, PhD, Jeremy W. Cannon, MD, SM, and PROMMTT Study Group, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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# Whole Blood For Other Populations?



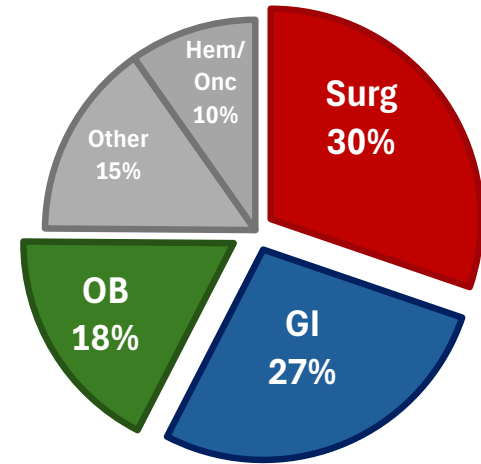




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### ► Surgical Patients

### ► Medical patients

- Massive gastrointestinal bleeding
- Heme-Onc

### ► Postpartum hemorrhage

### ► Outcomes

- Poorly Reported
- 3 allergic reactions
- No major hemolytic reactions

| Indication   | Nowadly <sup>1</sup><br>BAMC, 1 yr | Smith <sup>2</sup><br>UTHSCSA, 2 yrs | Christian <sup>3</sup><br>OHSU, 1 yr | Total      |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Surgical     | 22                                 | 15                                   | 25                                   | 62         |
| GI           | 11                                 | 27                                   | 18                                   | 56         |
| OB/GYN       | 23                                 | 11                                   | 2                                    | 36         |
| Other        | 28                                 |                                      | 3                                    | 31         |
| Heme Onc     | 16                                 | 4                                    |                                      | 20         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>100</b>                         | <b>57</b>                            | <b>48</b>                            | <b>205</b> |

# Challenges



# Hospital-Level Challenges

- ▶ Expense of WB
- ▶ Inventory Management
- ▶ WB Wastage

|                          |          |          |          |           |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |            |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Whole Blood</b>       |          |          |          |           |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |            |
| Bag broke / spiked       |          | 1        |          |           |          |          |           |           |           |           |           | 1          |
| Out too long             |          |          |          |           | 1        |          |           |           | 1         |           |           | 2          |
| Product expired          | 0        | 3        | 3        | 17        |          | 7        | 23        | 26        | 34        | 14        | 25        | 152        |
| Visual Inspection not OK |          |          | 2        |           | 2        |          |           |           |           |           |           | 4          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>159</b> |

## Creative Solutions to Minimize Waste

- Conversion to pRBC
- System-level Utilization
- Broaden WB Indications

# Summary



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## ▶ WB Benefits

- Possible Mortality Benefit (TROOP underway in MTP pts)
- Simplifies DCR
- Staying ON TARGET

## ▶ Applications in other populations

- Opportunity for more study

## ▶ Approaches to minimize waste

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