

3636 Boulevard of the Allies Phone 412-209-7300
Pittsburgh PA 15213-4306



The Institute
For Transfusion
Medicine

1352 5 DEC 28 P1

12/14/05

Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #2005D-0330 -- Draft Guidance for Industry: Collection of
Platelets, Pheresis by Automated Methods

Dear Sir:

ITxM (the parent company for LifeSource Blood Services—License #1025—and
Central Blood Bank—License #0234) is gathering and evaluating our platelet
pheresis data from our donorbase. We are evaluating our frequency of platelet
donations as it relates to this Guidance Document.

At this time, we would like to request an extension of the January 3rd, 2006 due
date for comment to January 31, 2006. We would also like to encourage the
FDA to hold a public session to discuss this Document and its implications for
Platelet Pheresis programs and Platelet Pheresis inventory.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Tata
V.P. and Chief Quality Officer

2005D-0330

EXT 3