

A microscopic view of several platelets, which are small, disc-shaped cells with a bumpy surface and long, thin projections called filopodia. They are shown in a reddish-orange color against a dark background.

Platelet Activation Status and Its Impact on Clinical Outcomes

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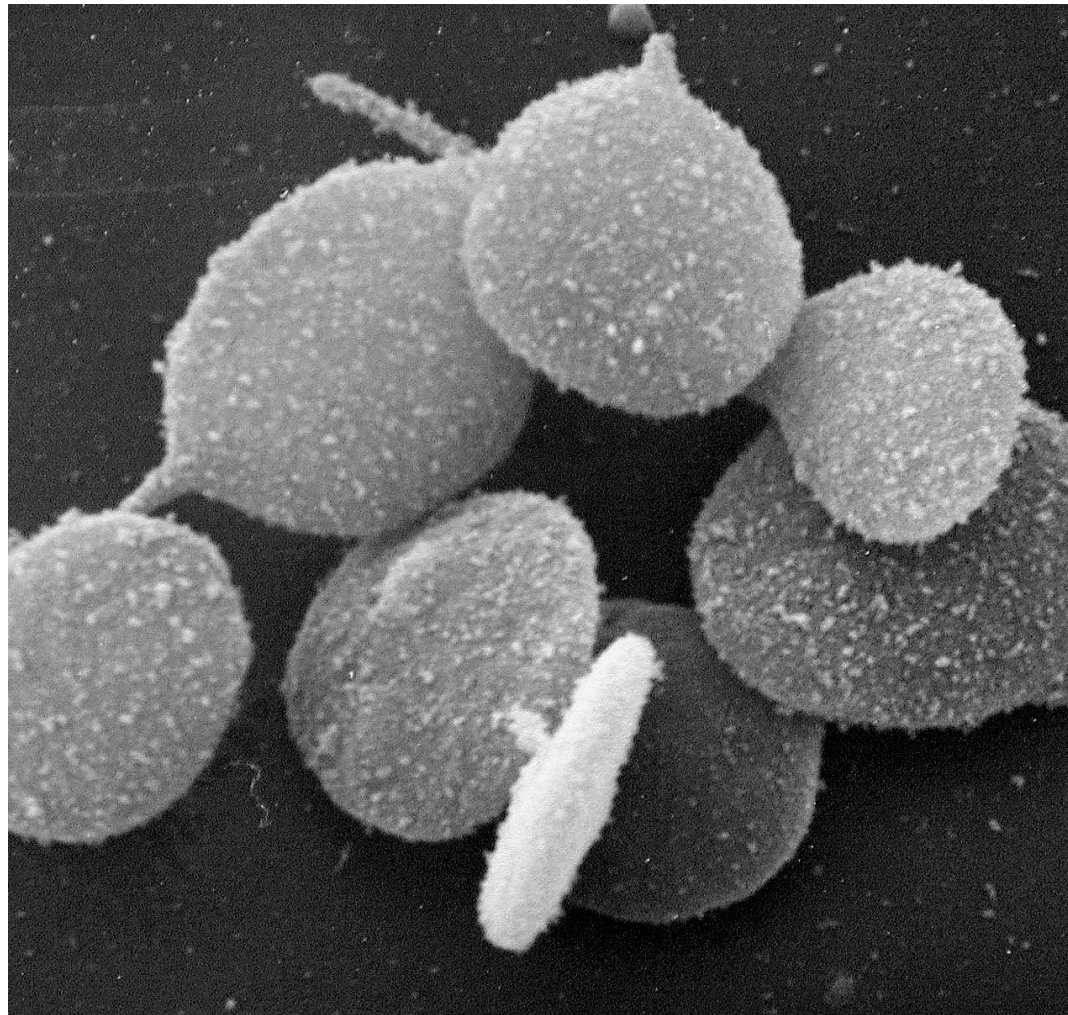
Why are platelets

- kept at room temperature
- with agitation
- in breathable containers
- for only 5-7 days?

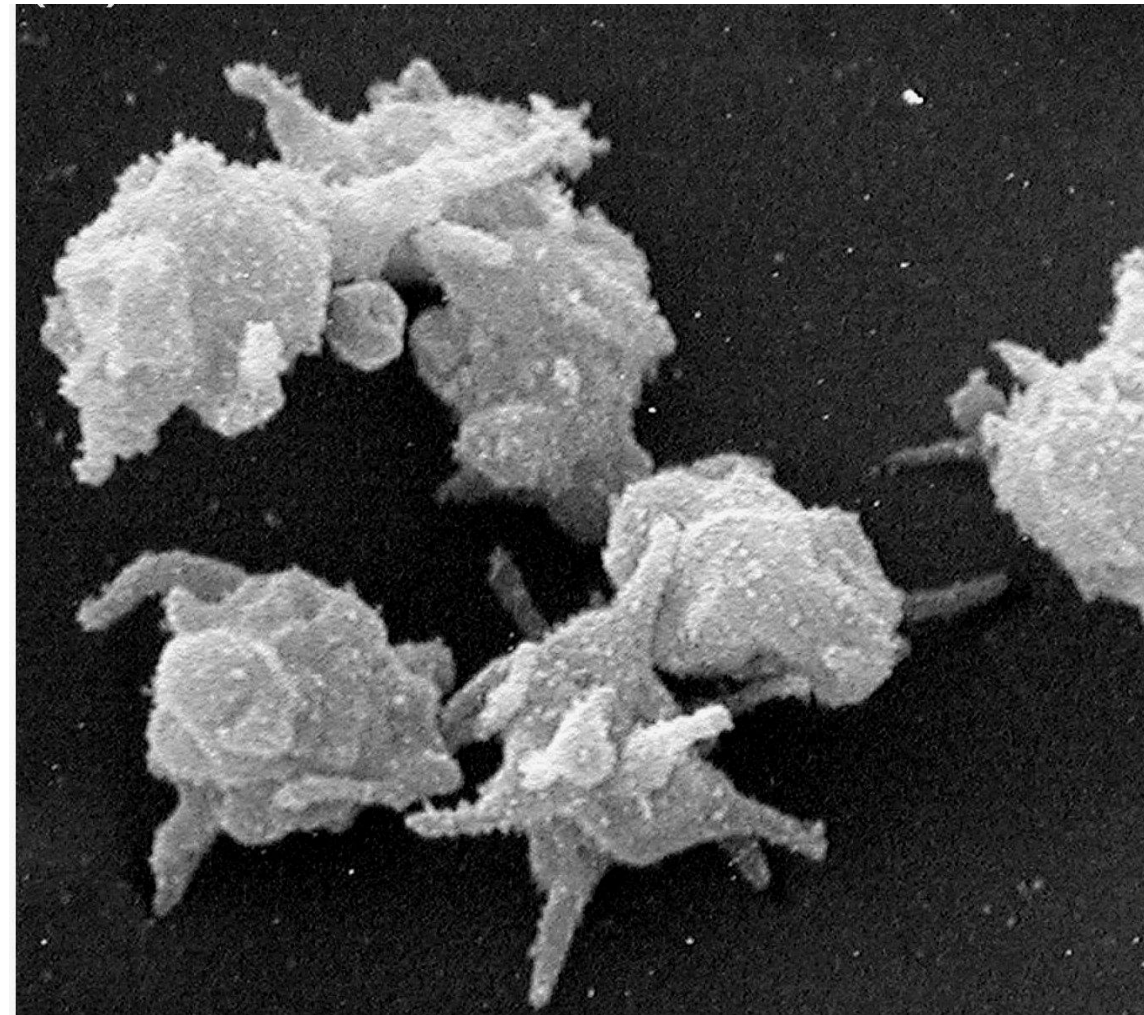
To minimize platelet activation & improve efficacy for prophylactic use.

Platelet activation status

Non-activated



Activated





Platelet activation in US supply

Platelet Activation Rate - National Average (> 12,000 tested)

Non-Activated
Platelets
64%

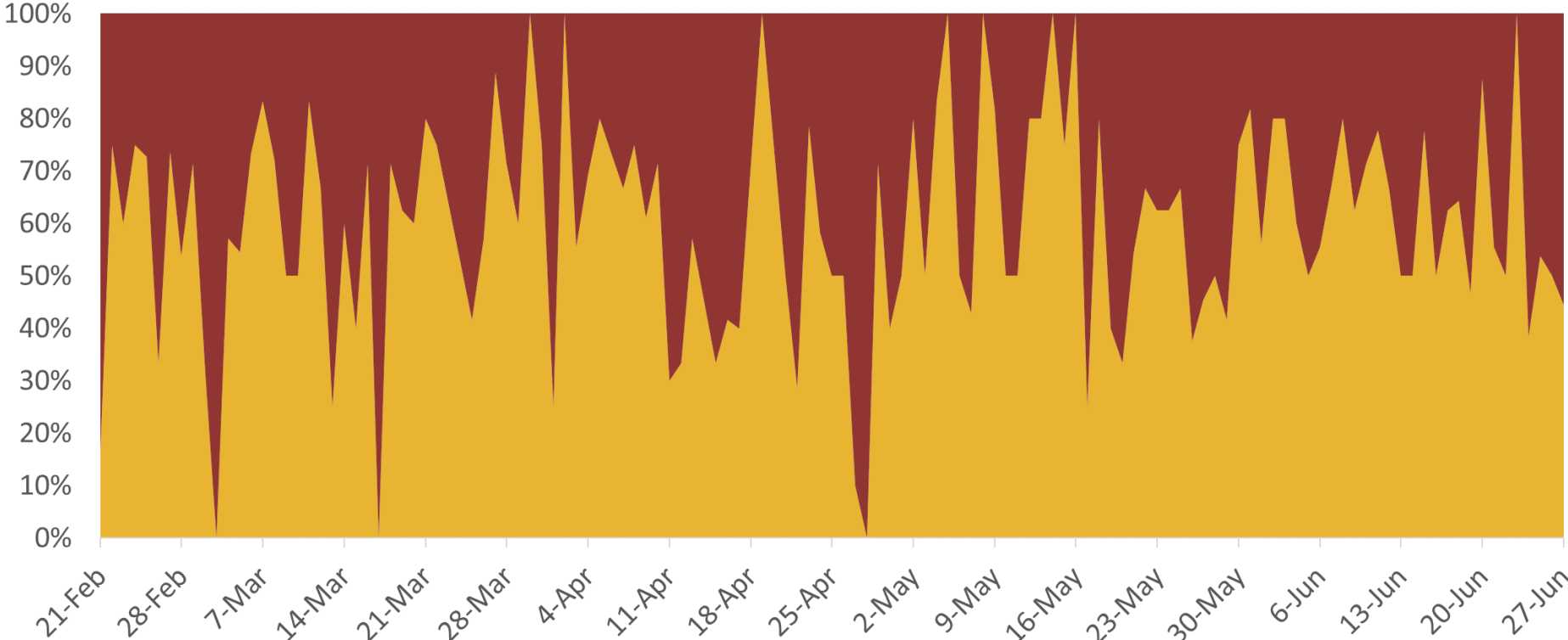


Activated
Platelets
36%



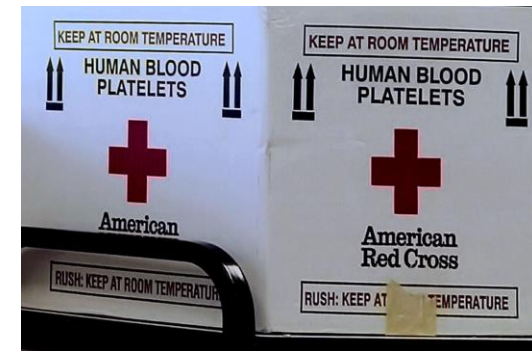
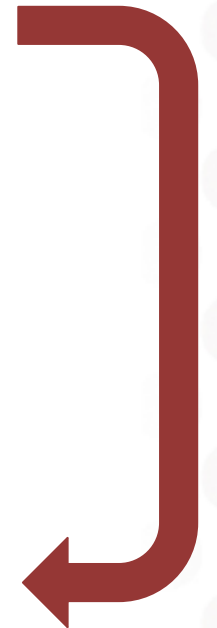
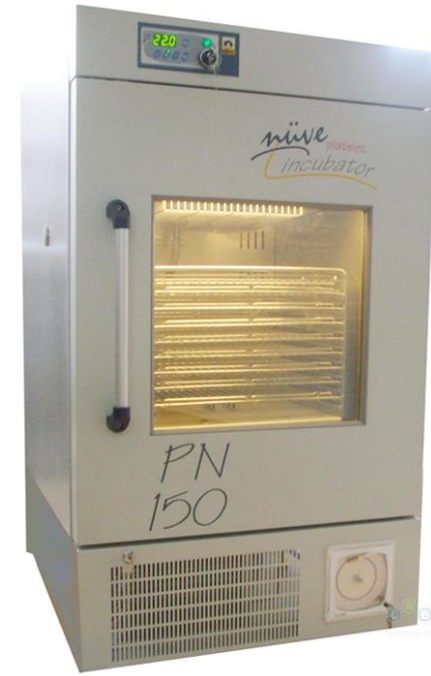
Multi-center study (Cedars-Sinai, BUMC, KUMC, Dallas Children's Hospital, UCHHealth Denver, Duke) publication in preparation

Activation – Daily variation



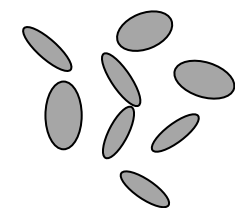
A microscopic image showing several activated platelets. The platelets are red and have a bumpy, granular surface. Some platelets have long, thin filaments extending from them. The background is dark, making the red platelets stand out.

Where do activated platelets come from?

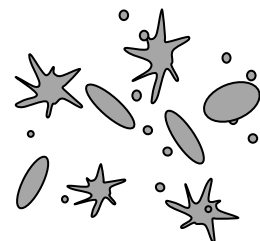


Determine activation of supply to increase efficacy

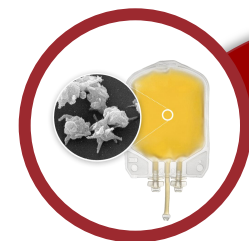
Non-activated platelet  → stress → Activated platelet and microparticle (MP) fragments 



Non-Activated



Activated



Cancer



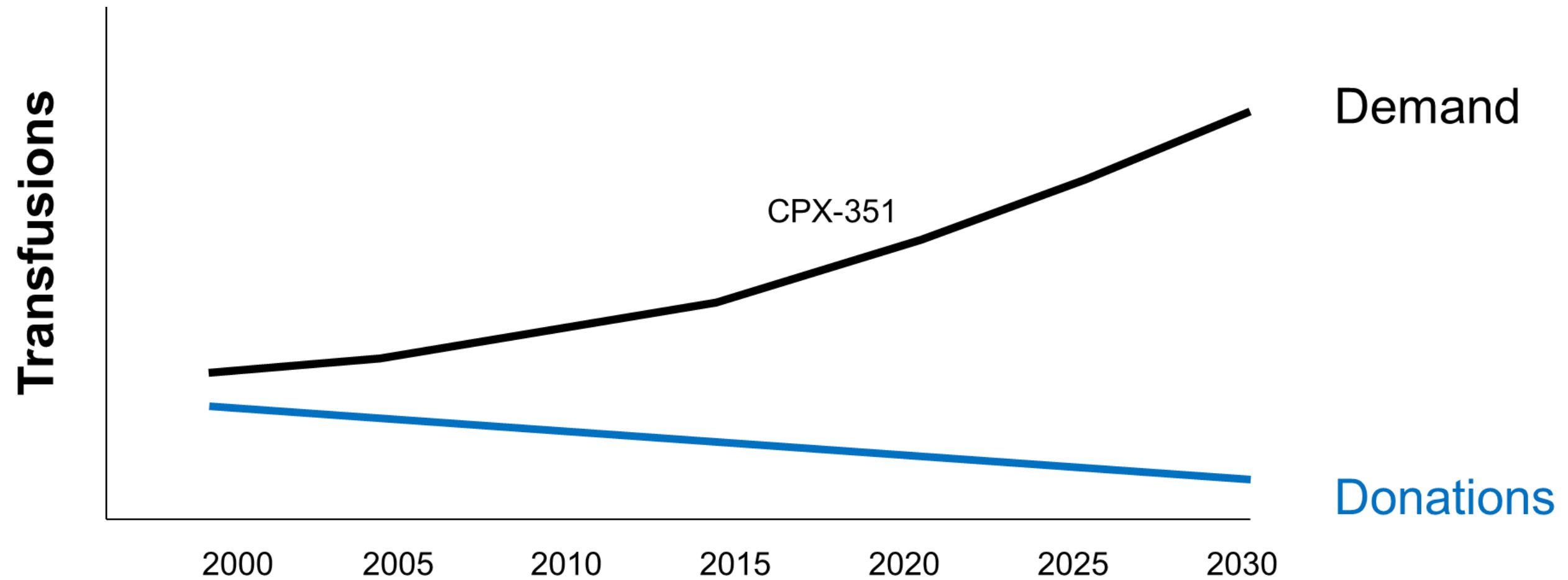
Surgery/Trauma



A microscopic view of several platelets, which are small, disc-shaped cells with a bumpy, textured surface. They are shown in a dark red color against a black background. The platelets are scattered across the frame, with some showing their characteristic shape and others appearing more elongated or irregular. The lighting highlights the granular texture of the platelet surfaces.

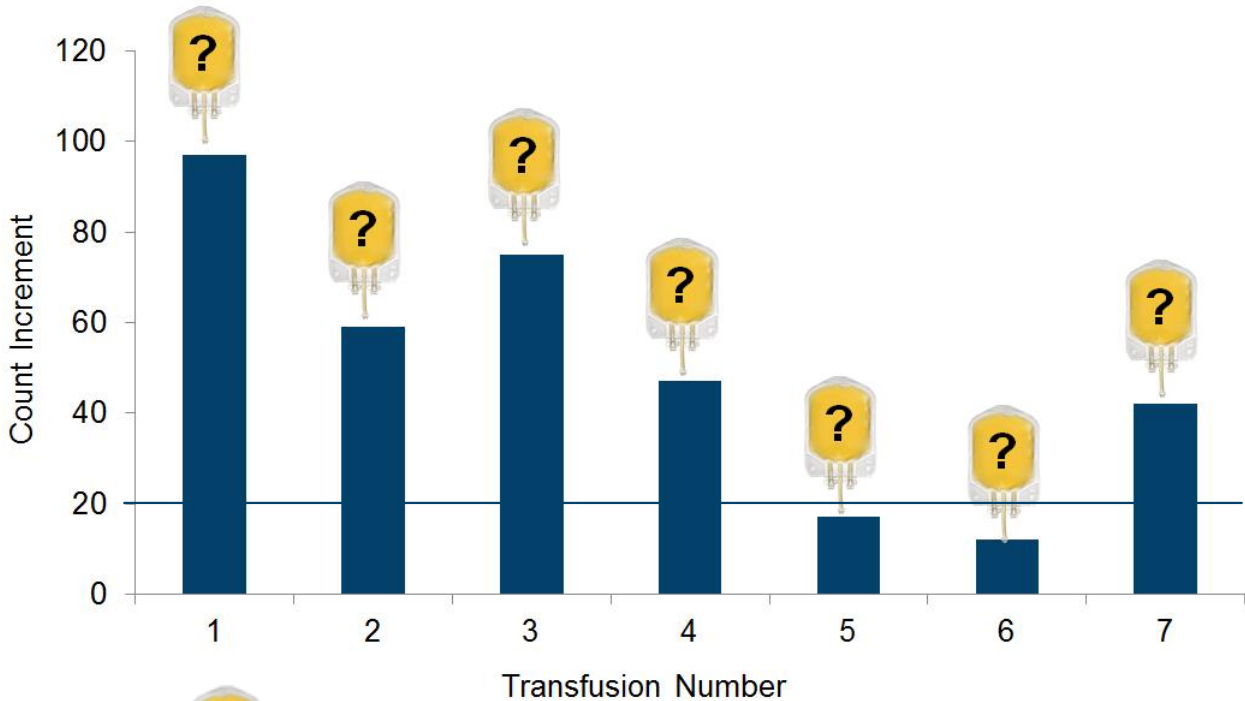
Does platelet supply match the demand?

Supply & demand

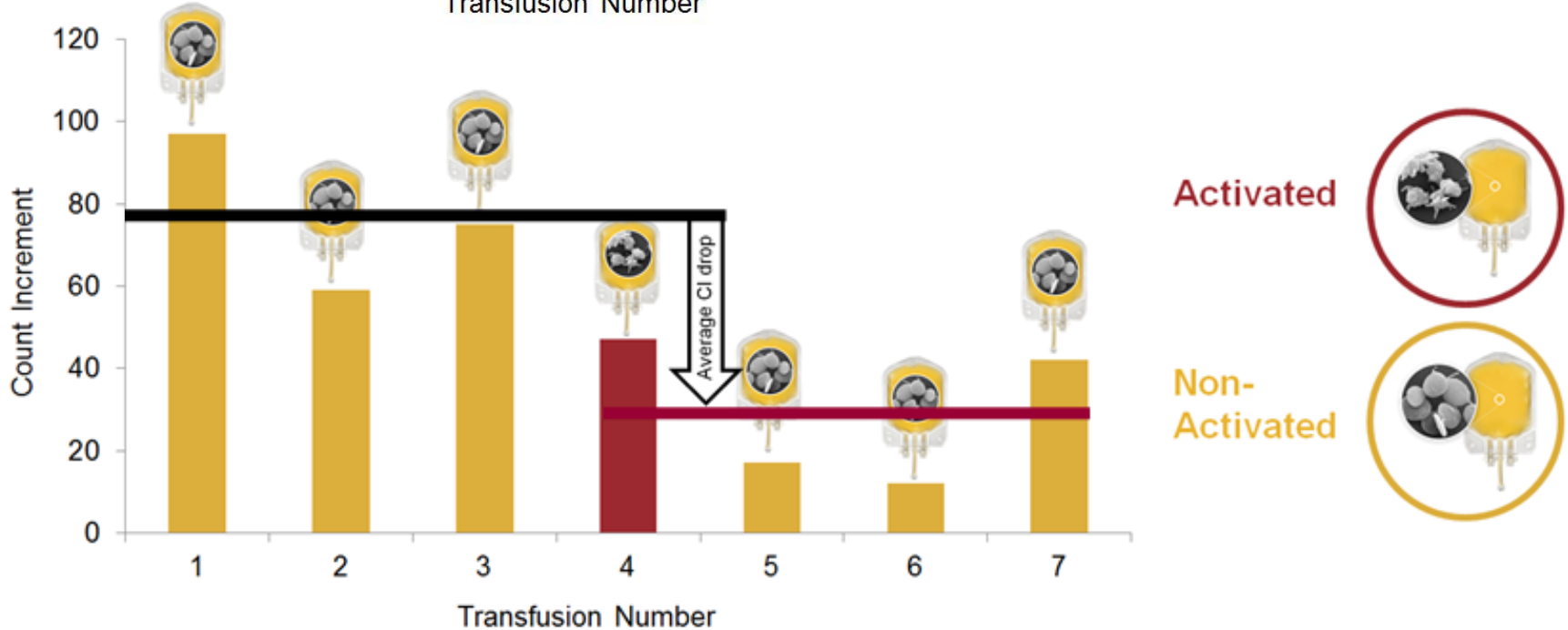


Activated platelet transfusions affect clinical outcome

Current practice:
Platelet activation status
unknown

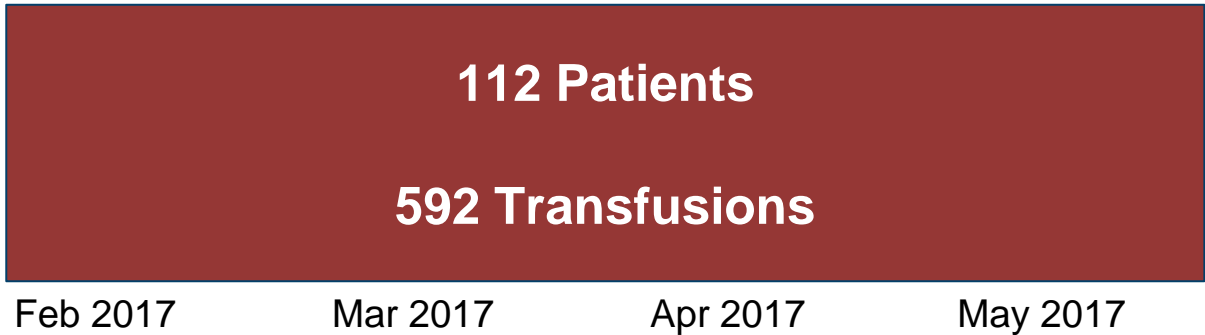


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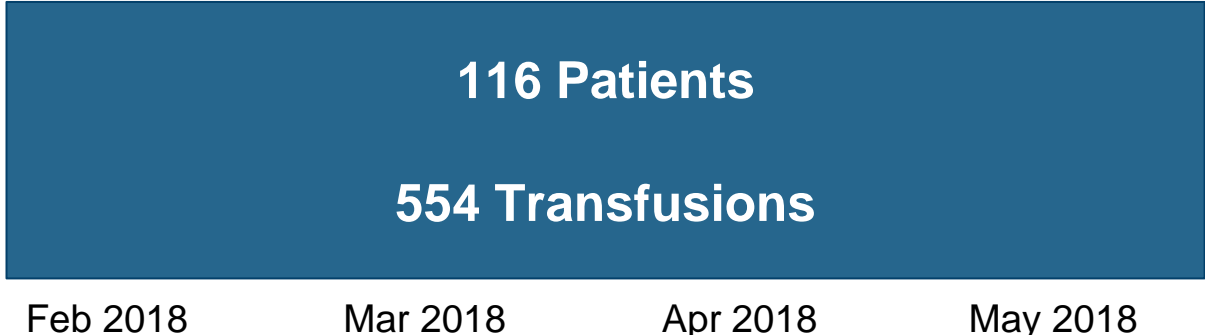


88-day pragmatic study at KUMC

Baseline



Platelet management

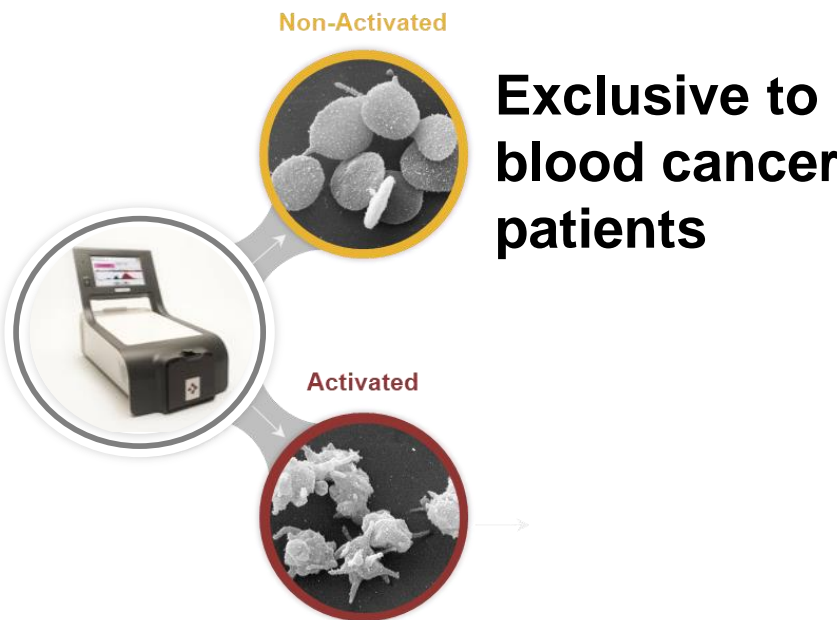


Random bags to
blood cancer
patients

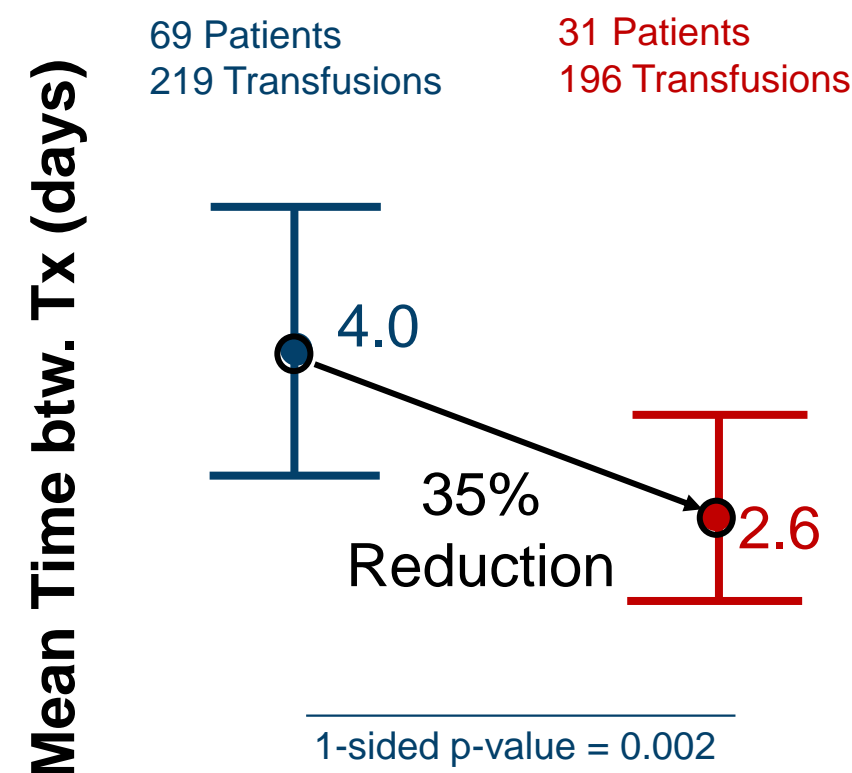
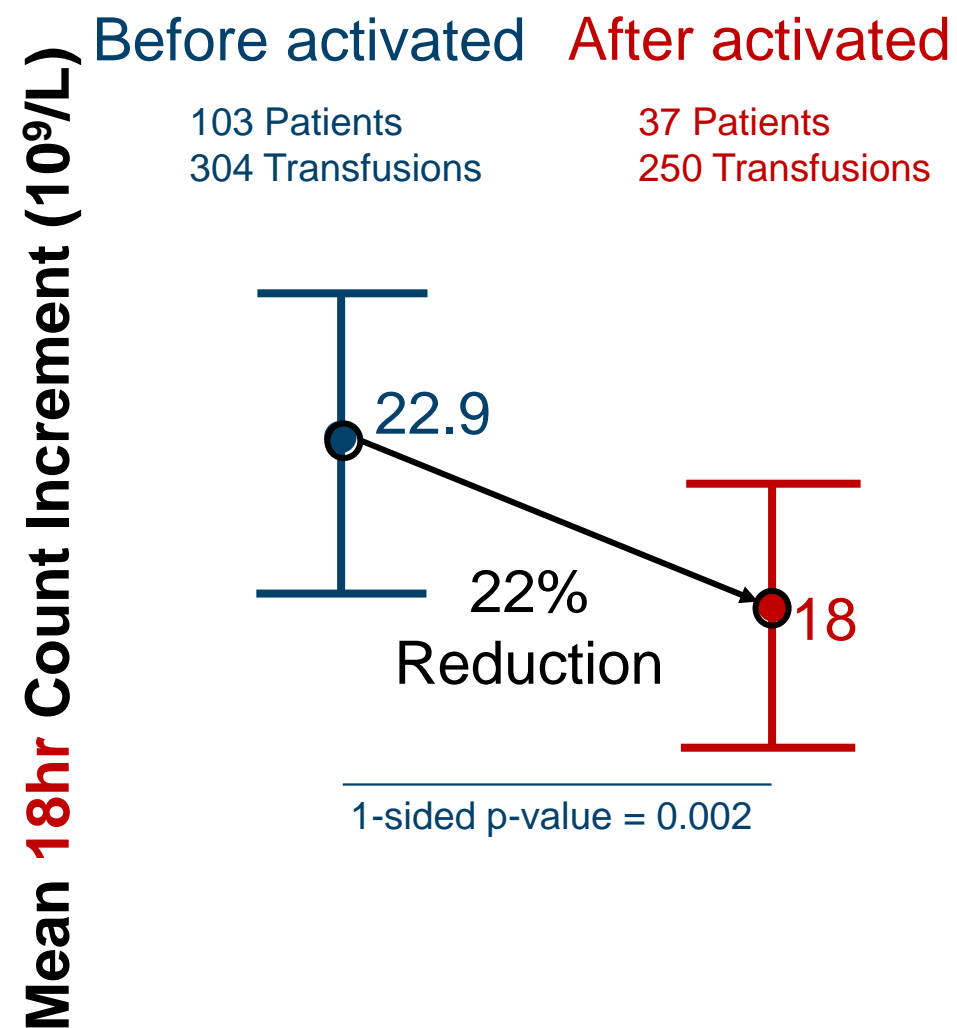


Complex case:
5/10 transfusions in
any 30-day window

Non-compliance:
1 activated platelet
transfusion



Benefit of non-activated platelet transfusions at KUMC



100-day pragmatic study at UCHealth Denver

Baseline

111 Patients

1208 Transfusions

Oct 2017

Nov 2017

Dec 2017

Jan 2018

Platelet management

122 Patients

1296 Transfusions

May 2018

Jun 2018

Jul 2018

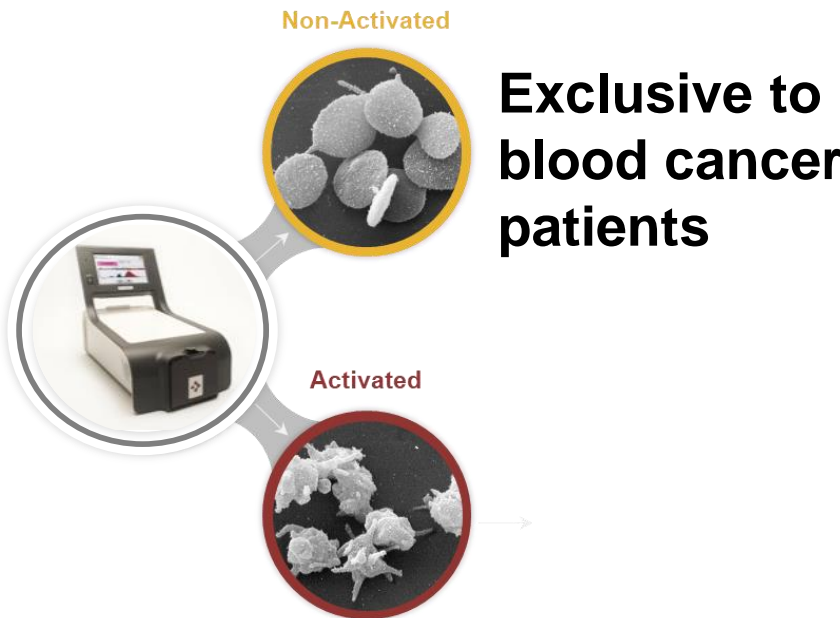
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Random bags to
blood cancer
patients

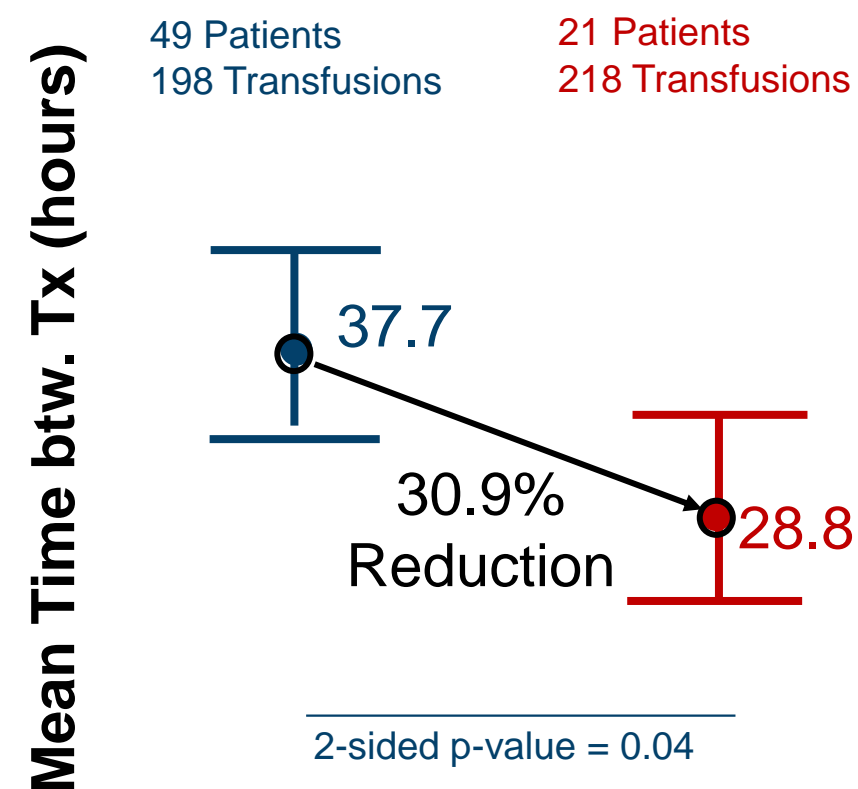
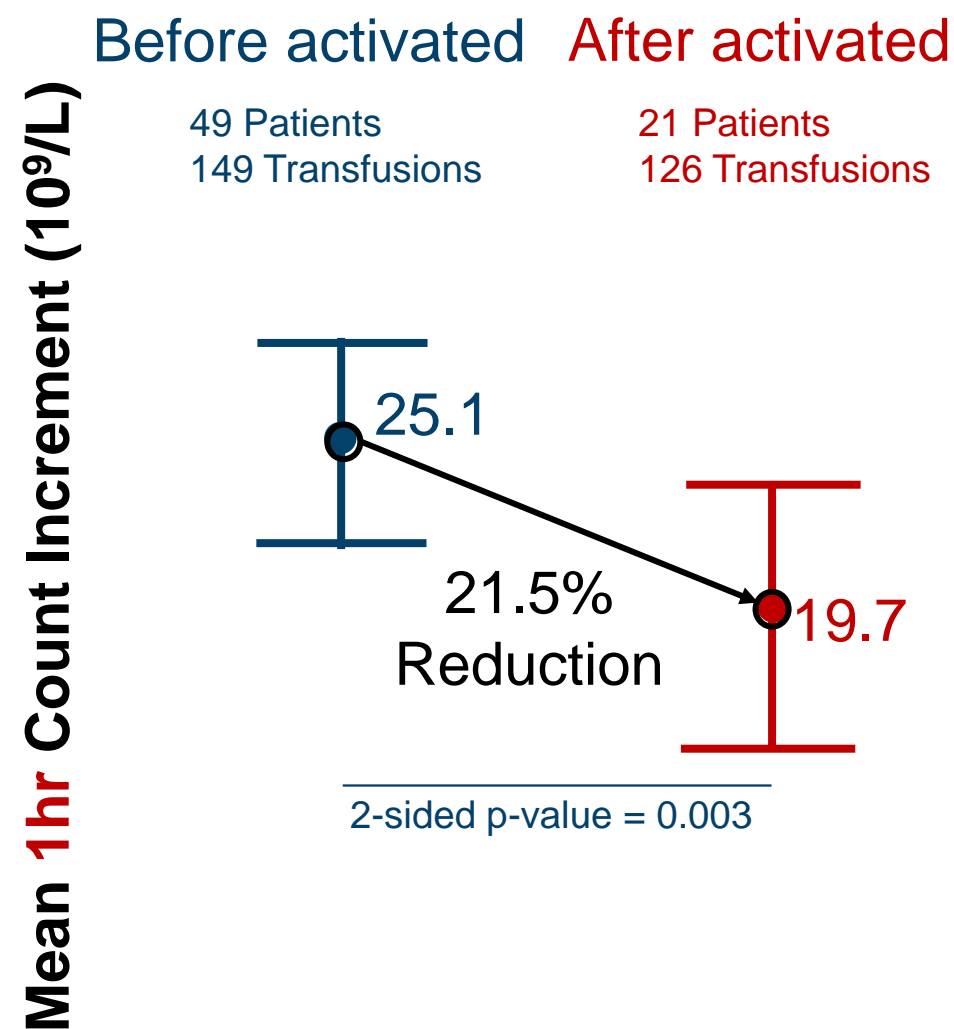


Complex case:
5/10 transfusions in
any 30-day window

Non-compliance:
1 activated platelet
transfusion



Benefit of non-activated platelet transfusions at UCHealth



UCHealth Denver, publication in preparation
Data analysis performed by Emmes Canada.

4-Month pragmatic study at Dallas Children's

Baseline

101 Patients

682 Transfusions

Dec 2016 Jan 2017 Feb 2017 Mar 2017

Platelet management

112 Patients

508 Transfusions

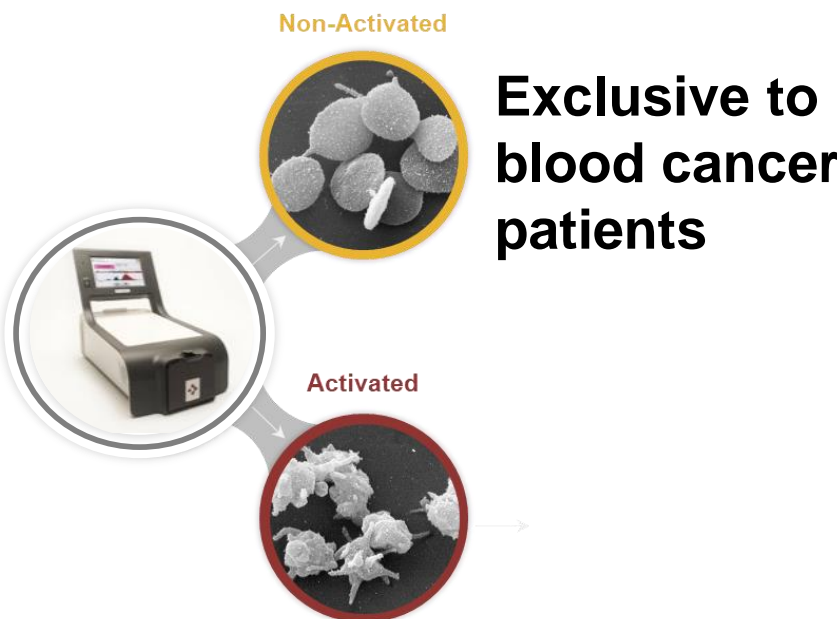
Feb 2018 Mar 2018 Apr 2018 May 2018

Random bags to
blood cancer
patients



Complex case:
10 transfusions in
any 30-day window

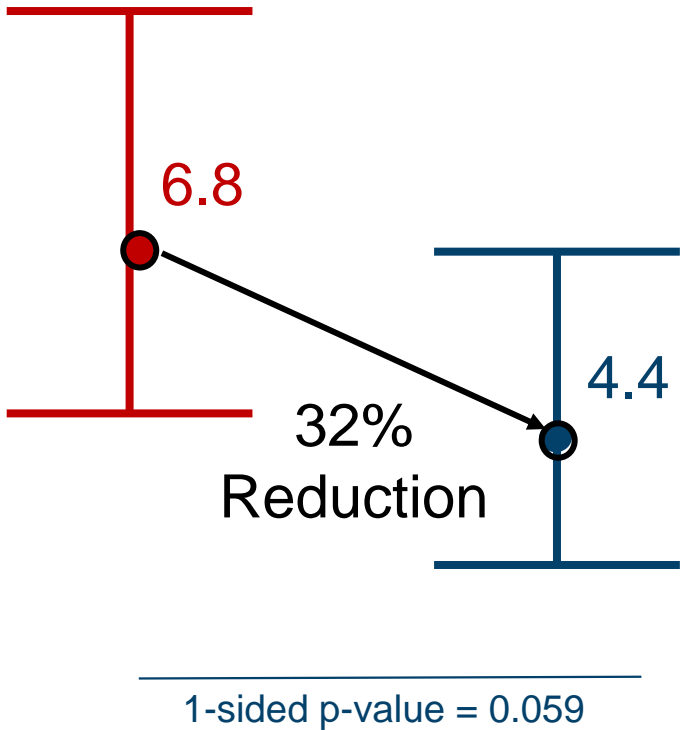
Non-compliance:
3 consecutive
activated platelet
transfusions



Severity of cases in Baseline and Study Period were the same.

Improvements in pediatric hospital

Mean Transfusions Per Patient



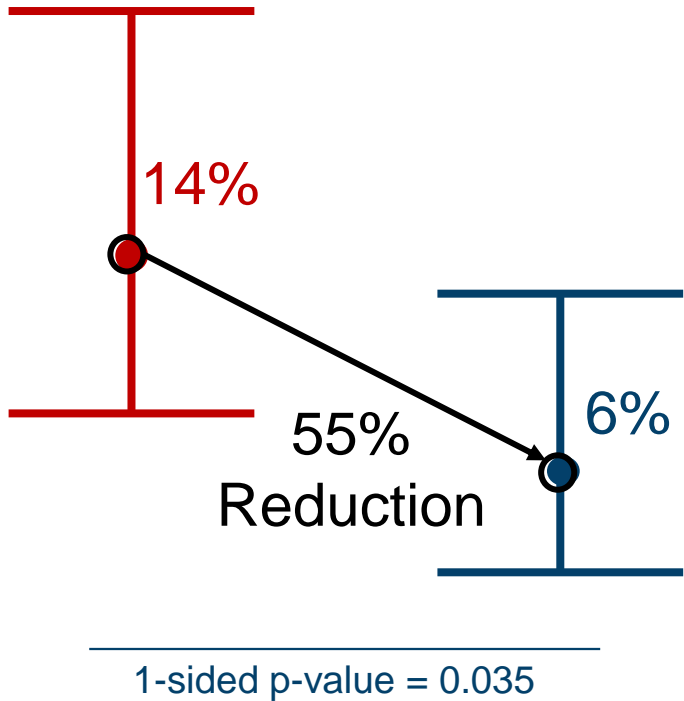
Baseline

101 Patients
682 Transfusions

ThromboLUX

112 Patients
508 Transfusions

% Complex Cases



Benefit of activated platelet transfusions

Blood 1991;77: 930-6.

Comparison of the Hemostatic Effects of Fresh Whole Blood, Stored Whole Blood, and Components After Open Heart Surgery in Children

By Catherine S. Manno, Kathleen W. Hedberg, Haewon C. Kim, Greta R. Bunin, Susan Nicolson, David Jobes, Elias Schwartz, and William I. Norwood

Group II. Twenty-four- to 48-hour-old blood was whole blood collected 24 to 48 hours before transfusion and was stored at 4 to 6°C until used.

fresh blood from directed, family donors. Our current practice is to use screened, refrigerated 24- to 48-hour-old whole blood for early blood replacement requirements following complex OHS with CPB in children. Another approach to decreasing blood loss after OHS suggested by the results of this study might include finding ways to improve the function of the platelets in stored platelet concentrates.



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Platelets and Platelet transfusions: Challenges for today and tomorrow

Can't get platelets to your bleeding patients? Just chill. . . the solution is in your refrigerator!

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Just chill—it's worth it!

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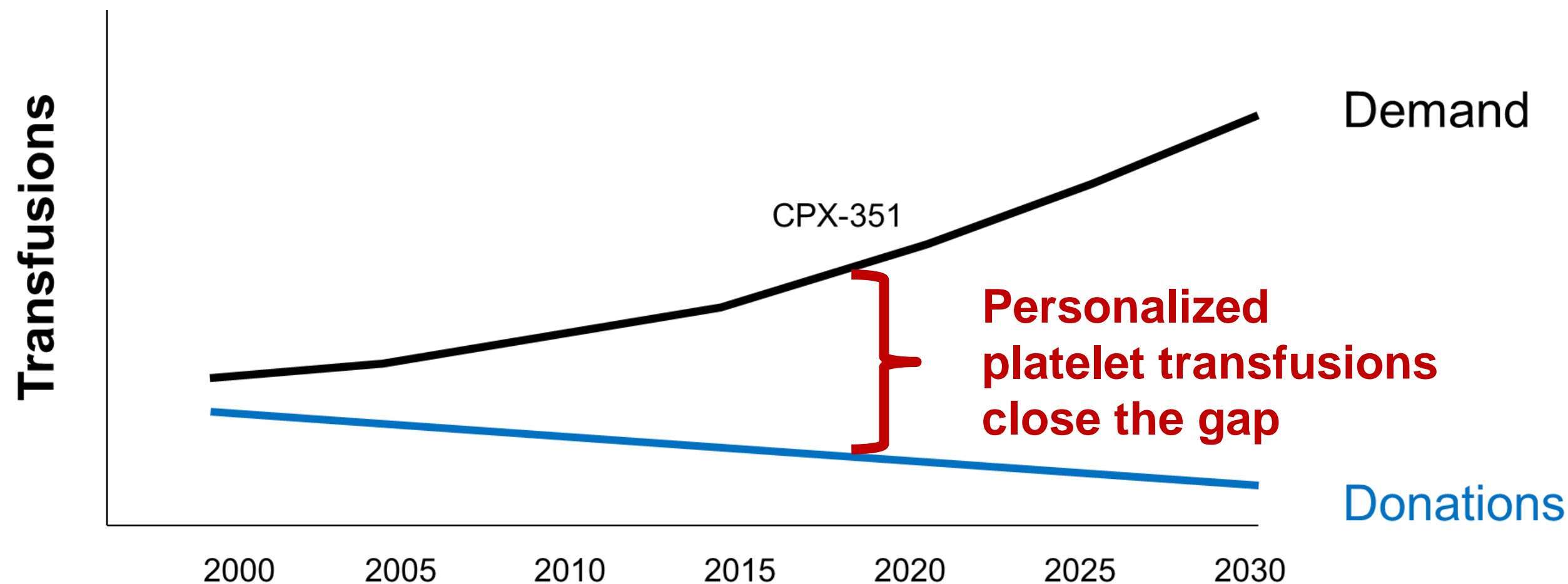
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Dr Stubbs and colleagues are to be commended for their tireless efforts to advance platelet transfusion therapy for bleeding patients, which they richly document in the current issue of **TRANSFUSION**.¹ Some centers maintained dual platelet inventories until the early 1980s—one stored at room temperature for prophylactic transfusions and the other stored refrigerated for bleeding patients. Since the abandonment of this practice, we have applied a “one-size-fits-all” approach to platelet transfusion, although the primary intended function for a platelet transfusion is substantially different based on its indication. Patients with acute hemorrhage as a result of gross vascular disruption require maximal hemostatic function provided by platelets. In contrast, the primary function of platelets in the prevention of bleeding is to remain in the circulation and repair the subtle damage to endothelium that may occur in the setting of thrombocytopenia.

Murphy, Gardner, Becker, Aster, Valeri, and Slichter, to name just a few of the great pioneers of platelet transfusion, toiled over the challenges of storing these cells, trying to achieve an elusive balance between hemostatic function that can respond to hemorrhage and the need for prolonged circulation in the setting of prophylactic transfusion. Unfortunately, to date, this balance has been impossible to achieve. Room temperature storage results in loss of platelet hemostatic function with preservation of circulation time, whereas cold storage leads to desialation and early clearance (over 1-2 days) but preservation of hemostatic

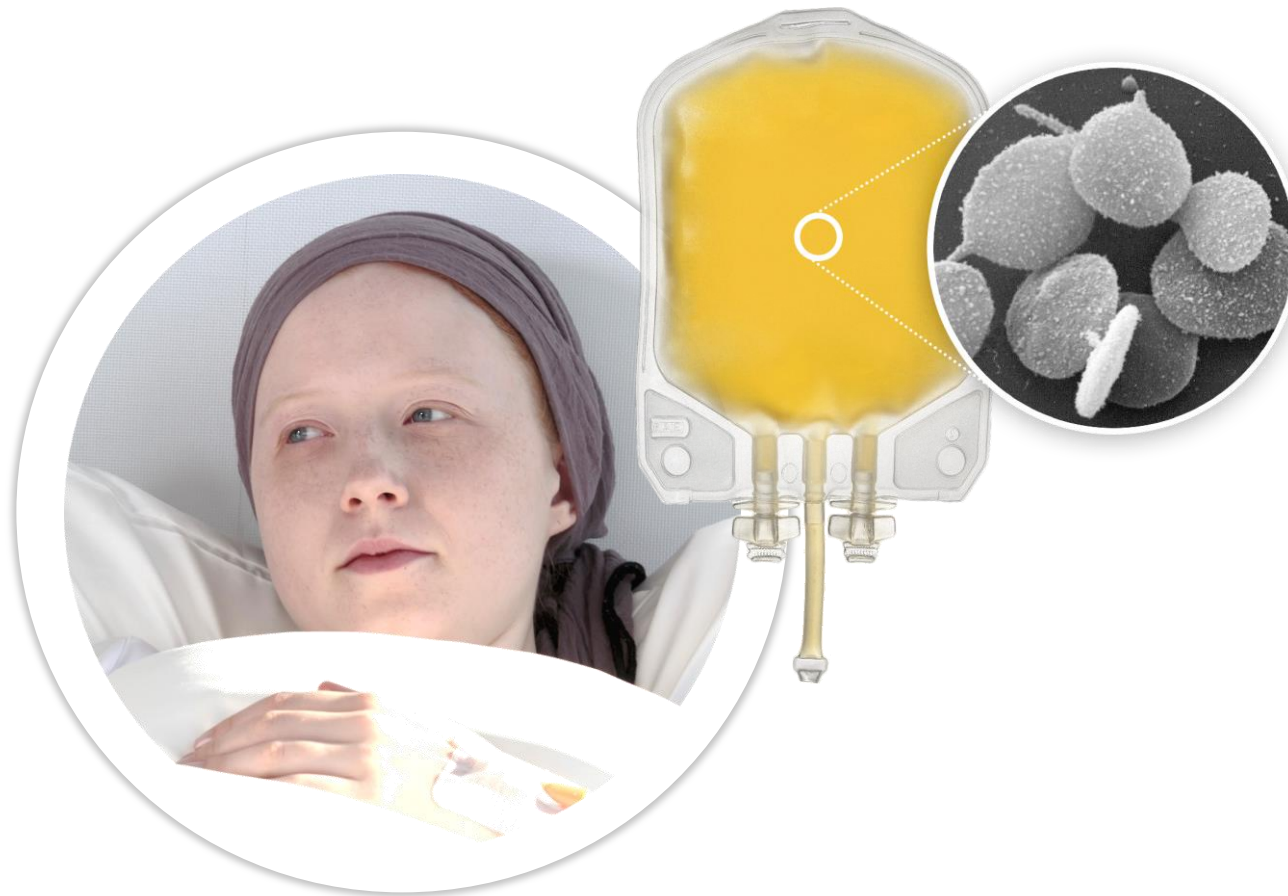
Stubbs JR, Tran SA, Emery RL, et al. **Cold platelets for trauma-associated bleeding**: regulatory approval, accreditation approval, and practice implementation—just the “tip of the iceberg.” *Transfusion* 2017;57:2836-44.

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