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Increase platelet availability without impacting  
quality or patient safety.

## Acrodose™ Systems: Availability – Cost Savings – Safety

### A changing regulatory environment...

The recent suspension of the PASSPORT Study, and upcoming donor restrictions associated with TRALI may have left blood collection facilities concerned about meeting immediate platelet availability needs.

### A timely and proven solution – Acrodose™ Platelets...

Through whole blood collections, Acrodose Systems allow blood collection facilities to easily increase platelet availability, while providing patients with a younger, more clinically efficacious 5-day platelet product.

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## Protégé Profile: Roberta Murfin, Carter BloodCare

■ In 1985, I began my laboratory career as an MLT (ASCP) at Carter BloodCare. After five years as an MLT, I challenged and passed the MT (AMT) exam. Around this same timeframe, I made the decision to expand my laboratory knowledge. In 1990, I left Carter to work for the Tarrant County Hospital (John Peter Smith (JPS)). Several years later, I returned to Carter BloodCare as a part time employee but continued my full time employment with JPS. Five years after returning to Carter as a part-time employee, I made the decision in 2000 to commit to Carter on a full time basis.

■ I returned to school in 2004 and in 2005, I completed my studies toward a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. One year later, I became a BB, certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. I continued my studies and earned my MBA in 2007. Presently, I am the Manager of the Reference and Transfusion Services Department at Carter BloodCare.

■ The reference lab at Carter BloodCare uses Hemocare LifeLine (HCLL) as the laboratory information system. The ISBT version of HCLL had to be installed before ISBT implemented center wide.

My first quarter project as a Protégé for South Central was to review the upgrade release notes, build the necessary ISBT product tables, write a validation plan, write test plans, oversee the validation and write the validation summary.

■ My second quarter Protégé project was to increase Carter BloodCare's compliance with AABB Standards 1.1.1 and 8.2. My focus was to work with the IT department to create a blood utilization report that can be generated from HCLL. The report will serve to aid Medical Directors with review of the blood utilized by their facility. The report will be generated and distributed quarterly beginning in 2009.

■ I also worked on another Protégé project. The purpose of the project was to develop a new request form to help the Carter BloodCare clients who submit crossmatch requests to document the required transfusion criteria.

■ It is my goal as a Protégé to become more active in the organization by participating on committees, moderating sessions and presenting workshops and sessions. I am currently a member of the Education Committee.

## Recruit to Win!

### SCABB membership contest is in full swing!

*Membership co-chairs Kathy Tellis and Pam Ostboe*

■ Members are encouraged to recruit new members to the association! The annual SCABB Membership Recruitment Contest kicked off October 1 and runs through March 1, 2009. This is a great way to grow the Association and have a chance to win great prizes! A minimum of six new members must be recruited to qualify for 1st prize. Each new individual member counts as one point and each new institutional member recruited counts as three points. Ties are resolved by a drawing.

■ All who recruit the minimum will receive special recognition in PULSE and at the annual meeting in Oklahoma City. Additionally, everyone recruiting at least one new member will be entered into a raffle for a gift from SCABB.

■ Prizes are as follows:  
First Prize is a full annual meeting registration for the next annual meeting. Second Prize is a \$150.00 VISA card. Third Prize is a \$50.00 VISA card.

■ Please direct new recruits to [www.scabb.org/membership>applications](http://www.scabb.org/membership>applications) to complete the online membership applications. Be sure to remind them to put your name in the "referred by" field of the application.