

## AUTOTRANSFUSION

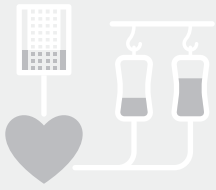


## Better blood management for better outcomes

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the available supply of whole blood decreased more than 9% between 2008 and 2011. Blood is expensive, shortages can result in the cancellation of elective surgeries, and blood-borne pathogens pose significant risks. With SpecialtyCare Autotransfusion services, your hospital can ensure timely care, realize significant cost savings, and experience better patient outcomes by reducing the need for transfusions.

SpecialtyCare® Autotransfusion (ATS) services can enhance your blood management program and achieve better clinical outcomes by transfusing with the patient's own blood. Our expert clinicians are onsite when you need them, ready to deliver services where you need them.

ATS eliminates the possibility of blood typing errors and reduces the adverse clinical outcomes that can result from standard donor blood transfusions and pre-donated blood. You'll also save on expenses related to managing blood donations—collecting, testing, storage, and inventory loss. In fact, one of our customers saved \$4 million by transfusing 1,000 patients with their own blood.



### SEAMLESS INTEGRATED SUPPORT

Our highly trained clinical technicians integrate seamlessly with your staff and processes. We ensure that standards and protocols are being met, and can provide care intraoperatively and/or post-operatively, in the PACU, the patient's room, or wherever it's needed. You'll receive data to drive improvement and demonstrate the efficacy of ATS over donor blood. And, you'll be supported by a dedicated clinical manager who oversees the ATS program, provides continuing education, and shares best practices with your team.

### RELY ON OUR EXPERT CLINICIANS

We understand how important it is that you have the certainty of exceptional care in the OR. In addition to annual clinical competency testing and ongoing education, our ATS technicians must meet the standards and recommendations set by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), the Joint Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks).

### GET MORE THAN ATS

SpecialtyCare's commitment to research and training ensures that we're ready with the latest techniques and best practices to provide your patients with high-quality clinical care that promotes their safety and successful outcomes. In addition to ATS, we can provide platelet-rich plasma cell-based therapy and bone marrow aspirate concentrate cell-based therapy to accelerate healing.

### ENSURE PATIENT SAFETY & IMPROVED OUTCOMES

Like you, SpecialtyCare focuses on patients first. To this end, we measure the quality and accuracy of ATS procedures with four key indicators recommended by the AABB:

- Air removed from bag: Frequency
- Maximum vacuum: % $\leq$ 150 mmHg
- Microaggregate filter utilized: Frequency
- Blood returned to patient: Frequency

### TRACK PERFORMANCE WITH BENCHMARKING

The SpecialtyCare Autotransfusion Dashboard is a web-based, interactive report that graphically summarizes clinical indicator results. This enables us to help our customers improve quality and identify trends by benchmarking against other SpecialtyCare partners in our national database.

### USE CUSTOM ANALYSES TO DRIVE IMPROVEMENT

In addition to our regular monthly reports, we can provide custom data analyses and post hoc investigations to help hospital administrators and surgeons target and improve specific elements of clinical care and internal processes.

### PARTNER FOR LIFE

The Specialty Autotransfusion (ATS) team partners with you by seamlessly integrating with your facility and staff to provide consistent, reliable, and high-quality care. We strive to understand your business as well as you do so that we can anticipate your needs and make recommendations to continually improve your blood management program.



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With annual clinical competency testing and ongoing education through SpecialtyCare University, which includes a fully equipped OR for training, we develop expertise beyond required certifications and provide superior quality care so that your surgical team can be certain they have the best partner for clinical excellence, always.



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