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**HOXWORTH BLOOD CENTER ANNOUNCES**

**RETIREMENT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

**(CINCINNATI – AUGUST 10, 2017)** After more than three decades in the field of blood banking, Hoxworth Blood Center Medical Director, Patricia “Chris” Carey, MD, is calling it a career.

Dr. Carey began that career at Hoxworth Blood Center in 1983, serving a one-year fellowship in Transfusion Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and continued to quickly advance, serving in roles such as Associate Medical Director from 1984 – 1990 and her current position as Medical Director, which she assumed in 1997. In addition to her work at Hoxworth Blood Center, Dr. Carey is also an integral member of the College of Medicine faculty. Carey serves as a professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the College of Medicine, and Program Director of Fellowship in Transfusion/Blood Banking; as well as Transfusion Service Director at University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

“Dr. Carey has served as a valuable resource to the blood banking and medical community for many years. Her departure marks and end to an era,” says Ronald Sacher, MD, and Hoxworth director. “She will be greatly missed; however, we wish her the very best as she embarks on a new chapter of her life.”

Dr. Carey has served as a contributing member of the College of American Pathologists, American Society for Clinical Pathology, American Association of Blood Banks, Ohio Association of Blood Banks and the American Society for Apheresis. Dr. Carey has published 30 peer-reviewed articles, 14 peer-reviewed published articles serving as collaborator, and 51 published abstracts.

A graduate of West Virginia University Medical School, Dr. Carey completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Cincinnati. She has served on several boards and committees at the College of Medicine as well as at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

**About Hoxworth:**

Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati was founded in 1938 and serves 31 hospitals in 18 counties in Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana.  Annually, Hoxworth collects more than 70,000 units of blood from local donors to help save the lives of patients in area hospitals. Hoxworth Blood Center. All Types Welcome.

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