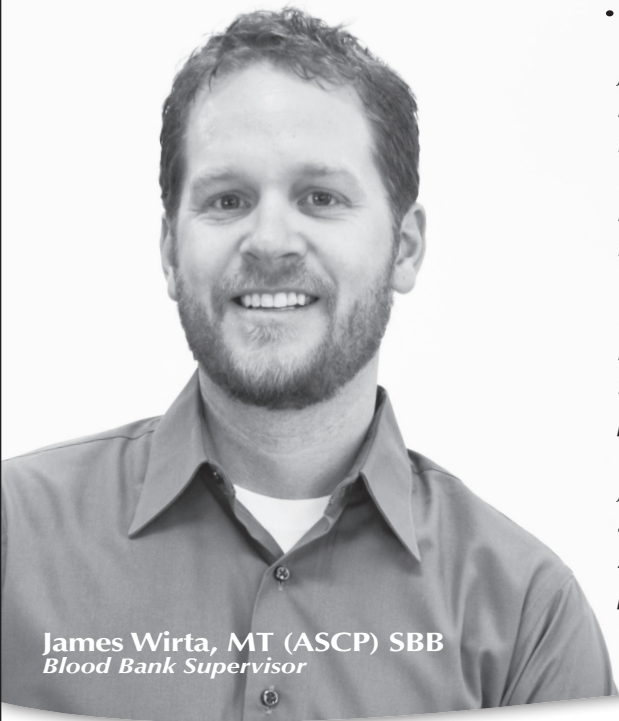


Extraordinary People



James Wirta, MT (ASCP) SBB
Blood Bank Supervisor

... personalized care

James works with a precious substance that most of us take for granted. Blood is necessary for life, and there is no synthetic substitute. He is tasked with ensuring that YVMC's blood bank provides an adequate and safe supply for all patients who need it.

Before a transfusion can occur, the patient and blood product must be screened for type, Rh factor and antibodies. Sometimes James visits patients to personally explain the process.

James says, "Our job is to obtain and report accurate results quickly. We help the doctors so they can help their patients. I take a lot of pride in my work, especially during a trauma when minutes really matter."