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We are reviewing our current labels to move towards full compliance with ISBT128 along with 2D and QR (quick response) barcodes.

Compliance will improve the clarity and usability of the labels, and help ensure components are transfused safely.

Our first step is to pilot a transition label:

G052 500 600 002 X		EXPIRY DATE (do not use after) 21 June 2013 TIME: 23:59	
			
 150 mL			
Red Cells for Intrauterine Transfusion (IUT), LD, Irradiated		Rh D Positive	
<p>Always check patient / component compatibility / identity. This component must not be used if there are visible signs of deterioration.</p> <p>Do not vent. This component must be administered through a transfusion set incorporating a 170 to 200µ filter. Risk of infection including vCJD. Latex free. This component was collected into 67ml of CPD anticoagulant. Contains phthalate (DEHP).</p>		<p>Suitable for IUT only</p> <p>Negative for: CMV, HbS, H.T. c, E, K, Fy (a), Jk(b), S, s, M, N, U, Kp(a), Lu(a), Le(a),</p> <p>Store at 2°C to 6°C</p> <p>Date bled: 16 June 2013 NHSBT, Filton</p>	
 Component code	 Blood Group		
 Expiry	 CMV Status	 Component specification	
REF	2FRPQ31460	LOT	43FA28QD00

and then phase in the new labels. The transition label will continue to be readable using current scanners but will provide access to new functionality available with modern scanners, including the 2D and QR barcodes.

We will install and test new software over coming months and aim to have the transition labels in use from approximately March 2018.

Please plan to update your current scanners and software in readiness for the final label.

[Specification for the Future Labelling of Blood Components Prepared in the United Kingdom](#) has details of ISBT 128.

If you have any comments or would like further information, please email [Craig Wilkes](#)

Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager - South West

For Information

Increased validated journey time for Transport Containers

We are pleased to announce that as from 14 August 2017 our short journey transport boxes can be used for journeys of up to seven hours for red cells and eight hours for platelets, as a result of new validation.

Please note the [packing instructions](#) will change and requires additional phase change materials (PCMs) to be used.

If you would like use our boxes please contact your Customer Service Manager who will arrange a delivery, including PCMs to your hospital.

Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager - South West

Therapeutic Apheresis Services Annual Report 2016 / 17

You are invited to read [our report](#) which includes details of a number of service developments which have improved patient access to apheresis therapies, for example, commencement of a new automated red cell exchange clinic for children in Leeds.

We will continue to work closely with NHS colleagues to improve equity of access to these specialised treatments across the country.

If you have any questions regarding the report or about the provision of Therapeutic Apheresis Services by NHSBT, please [email](#) TAS.

Lydia Ball, Business Support Manager -TAS

New Educational Resources for TAS on Hospitals and Science website

We are delighted to let you know there is a new section in the TAS area of the website, dedicated to [educational resources](#). Moving TAS patient and donor information leaflets to this page means all the information is easy to find, in one place.

We will be adding more information in the future so why not book mark this page for your return visit!

Christine Roberts, Website Development Manager - Hospital Customer Service

OBOS version 8.0.0 release September 2017

The latest version is scheduled for release in September.

Changes to LVT component descriptions in OBOS & Apheresis tick box

Following approval from OBOS stakeholders the descriptions will change from:

Large Volume RBC in SAGM
Large Volume RBC in SAGM Irradiated

to:

LVT in SAGM (Neonates and Infants)
LVT in SAGM Irradiated (Neonates and Infants)

Selecting 'Platelets Apheresis in PAS' or 'Platelets Apheresis in PAS Irradiated' does not populate the Apheresis tick box. We cannot make this populate by default because we need to retain the ability to supply pooled products.

Therefore 'Apheresis' from the description in the dropdown list will be deleted.

If you have any queries, please contact your Customer Service Manager or email the [OBOS team](#).

Craig Wilkes, Regional Customer Service Manager - South West

For Training

Our [training events](#) are open to Hospitals and your attendance is welcomed. We look forward to meeting you.

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