



## Blood and Transplant

### The Update for July 2023

**Please order Lua negative red cells only when there is a clinical need to ensure they are available for patients who need them**

Can we please remind you to check there is a clinical requirement before placing your order.

Shalinee Wickramasinghe - Regional Customer Service Manager

**If you receive components you did not order please advise your Hospital Services department**

**It is important you do this, and we appreciate your co-operation**

If you notice a discrepancy with an order, please let us know as soon as possible.

Danny Bolton - Customer Services Manager

### **SHOT Annual Report 2022 launched at 2023 SHOT symposium in July**

[The symposium](#) was a great success with over 300 delegates and 14 exhibitors. Thanks to everyone who attended and if you couldn't make it you can see some great [photos](#) of the day.

[Read the 2022 annual report](#)

Emma Milser - Haemovigilance and PBM Specialist, SHOT

**Paid access to Blood Transfusion Training (BTT) elearning for private organisations is now available via e-Integrity**

Private organisations can now apply to eIntegrity ([Ian.Graves@eintegrity.org](mailto:Ian.Graves@eintegrity.org)) for paid access to the BTT elearning modules.

The functionality to access the modules through local learning management systems (LMS) will also be available.

Anne Davidson - Education Lead, Patient Blood Management team

**Transfusion Lab Managers - please take part in our audit to ensure we continue to supply to your need**  
**'Where does blood go?': a National Comparative Audit**

As you'll know, last year we moved into the amber phase (meaning reduced availability of blood for a short or a prolonged period impacting on clinical activity) for and at times, were close to moving into the red phase (severe, prolonged shortages impacting on clinical activity).

So now, we are running a survey to get critical information we need (the last time we gathered this data was in 2014), to continue to supply to your needs. This is important work for a sustainable future, which relies on the participation of you all.

Additionally, understanding where blood components are used in your hospital means you will be able benchmark against national data, which could help to support strategic staffing requests and business cases in your own hospital.

The National Comparative Audit in Blood Transfusion has sent out emails so that you can sign up (the deadline is 30 September) to this important survey. Thank you for doing this as we know laboratories are under increasing pressure.

Lise Estcourt - Consultant Haematologist, Clinical Lead for the National Comparative Audit in Blood Transfusion

**New blood pack validations starting mid-August 2023 for the tender process beginning November 2023**

The validation work for new blood packs will start mid-August when small numbers of packs (approximately 100) from our three current suppliers will be distributed to hospitals.

This means you may see blood packs that have a slightly different appearance to those you normally see.

All packs have met our specification, have minimal cosmetic changes and will not affect the function or safety of the blood components issued.

This year, for the first time, the tender process is being conducted collaboratively between IBTS (Ireland), NIBTS (Northern Ireland), WBS (Wales), SNBTS (Scotland) ARCBS (Australia) and NZBS (New Zealand); and we're pleased to be leading on this work.

If you have any queries, please contact your Hospital Service department or Customer Service Manager.

Gemma Fawke - Lead Specialist, MDT

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