



Blood and Transplant

The Update for May 2024

Contingency telephone and fax numbers for Hospital Services are available on the Hospitals and Science website

We would like to remind you there are contingency numbers for Hospital Services which should be in the event of any problems contacting them using the usual numbers.

[Hospital Services contingency contact numbers](#)

[Hospital Services contact details](#)

Carol Stenning - Customer Service Manager, Hospital Customer Services

The solution to ensure correct levels of Factor XI (FXI) in Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP) is being tested to ensure efficacy

Following on from the communication sent to hospitals on 24 May 2023, regarding lower-than-expected levels of FXI in our FFP, we can now provide an update. The manufacturer has identified the cause and designed a solution, which is undergoing testing to confirm its efficacy.

We have made interim changes to improve the levels in FFP, collected via the known compromised route, and 95% of FFP collected contain the expected levels of FXI.

We expect the testing to be completed by early Autumn this year and will provide an update when this issue is resolved.

If you have any technical questions about the component, please contact your Customer Service Manager. If you have any clinical queries, please contact your Haematology Consultant.

Lise Estcourt - Medical Director for Transfusion

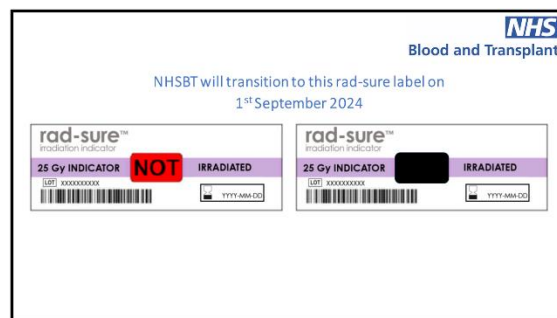
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Our supplier of irradiation indicator labels will change from RadTag to rad-sure on 1 September 2024

We anticipate a clear transition from the existing label stock to the new label on 1 September and will update you nearer the time.

This procurement exercise ensures continuing best value, and had a significant focus on human factors, ensuring the label design is clear, and easy for users to interpret to confirm the irradiated status of the component.

Our project team included hospital customer representatives who were engaged throughout the procurement and evaluation process.



If you have queries around this transition, please contact the Hospital Customer Services team.

Darren McNamara - Lead Specialist, Technical and Scientific Development

New transfusion resource "Blood Essentials" This replaces "A Drop of Knowledge" and "A Wealth of Knowledge"

[Blood Essentials \(PDF 13MB\)](#) is an interactive education and reference tool supporting all staff involved with transfusion and is now published on the [Patient Blood Management Education web page](#).

Please feel free to give us your feedback using the form on the page.

Samantha Timmins - Patient Blood Management (PBM) Practitioner, South West

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Book for the Blood Stocks Management education day, 3 dates remain for 2024
An Introduction to Smarter Inventory Management

The courses are being held on 27 June, 10 September and 4 November.

Please register your interest at BSMS@nhsbt.nhs.uk, giving your contact details, job title, the date you can attend, and we'll let you know when your space has been secured.

[Find out more about the day](#)

Christine Gallagher - Lead Specialist, Blood Stocks Management Team

Please use our new Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) data interpretation guide to help you interpret your monthly Component Report

Following feedback from hospitals, we've created [a guide for interpreting the report data \(PDF 4.5MB\)](#) which is available in the [Reporting and monitoring](#) section of the BSMS website.

Christine Gallagher - Lead Specialist, BSMS

New Fresenius Kabi T2110 pack for pooled granulocytes replaces the Terumo platelet storage bag from June 2024

This is a result of the International Blood Pack 1 (IBP1) tender and streamlines our manufacturing pack stockholding.

The new pack is identical to the pack used for an Apheresis Platelet Pack 3 component and is slightly larger than the Terumo pack with 2 ports. The pack reference and lot number barcodes remain visible at the bottom of the base label. The specification and volumes of the component remain the same.



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Please note, we'll continue using the old the blood packs until stocks are depleted.

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

Peter Basham - Lead Specialist, Manufacturing Development

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