

The Update for June 2024

Different pack type for Pooled Platelets from July 2024

The current Haemonetics pack will start to change over to the Fresenius Kabi pack, which is a softer plastic, slightly longer and thinner.

The ports and tubing are at the bottom, and you will see an extra tubing line between the ports.

Fresenius Kabi Pack FD51600



Haemonetics Pack ATSBC1EE



The volumes and specification remain the same as referenced in the Component Portfolio.

You will continue to see the old packs for an extended period until we have depleted our stock.

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

Natalie Hodge - Manufacturing Lead Specialist

New SHOT blood donation Myth Busters poster for World Blood Donor Day 14 June

June 14 is celebrated globally as the 'World Blood Donor Day' and is the birthday anniversary of Karl Landsteiner who was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the ABO blood group system. This year is particularly special as it marks the 20th anniversary of World Blood Donor Day. The World Health Organisation's slogan for this year's celebration is "20 years of celebrating giving: Thank you, blood donors!".

With input from the NHSBT Donor Medical team, we released a blood donation myth buster on the eve of the World Blood Donor Day 2024.

The [Myth Busters 04 poster](#) is published in the Resources section of the SHOT website, under Current Resources.

Caryn Hughes - Ops Manager, SHOT

Transfusion-Transmitted Infections (TTI) Cumulative Data web page now published on the SHOT website

The page provides:

- The SHOT definition for TTI
- The number of recipients with confirmed or probable TTI
- Timeline of the risk reduction strategies and TTI
- Recent SHOT Key Messages
- TTI Resources (e.g., webinar, case studies, SHOT Bite)
- TTI chapters (1996-2022)

View [Number of recipients with confirmed/probable Transfusion Transmitted Infections \(TTI\) - Serious Hazards of Transfusion](#)

Caryn Hughes - Ops Manager, SHOT

Scientific and Clinical Training and Education for 2024 / 25

All courses

For course information and to book please visit our [Learning Centre](#). Vouchers for NHS England funded places are available for NHS employees.

MSc in Applied Transfusion and Transplantation Science

The MSc in Applied Transfusion and Transplantation Science, run jointly by NHSBT and University of West of England (UWE), is open for applications for those looking to start in Autumn 2024. The course is available for full time and part time study, and

individual modules can be studied as CPD. NHS England funded places are available.

[Find out more](#)

Advanced Transfusion Masterclass

The new theme for our [Advanced Masterclass](#) is "Antenatal adventures, pregnancy puzzles, and transfusion triumphs". Delivered on Zoom, the dates are:

- 24 September 2024
- 11 December 2024
- 12 March 2025

Specialist Transfusion Science Practice (STSP)

This course has successfully relaunched with a new format of 3 days online and 2 days in a NHSBT training laboratory. Attendees have commented they like the format which gives more time for practical lab work.

Sally Proctor - Manager, Scientific and Clinical Training and Education

RCI reports will be available from Sp-ICE from 1 April 2025 Hard copy reports will no longer be posted

You will need to ensure your department has access to [Sp-ICE](#), to organise access please email reportcessation@nhsbt.nhs.uk. We'll be giving you more information in further updates.

Wisdom Musabaike - Assistant Director, Red Cell Immunohaematology

ABO results are moving to Sp-ICE from 17 July 2024

ABO group results will be reported by RCI laboratories, and available for hospitals from Sp-ICE, instead of the transplant patient and crossmatch reports currently produced by H&I.

Information how to access Sp-ICE and a user guide are available on the [Sp-ICE](#) webpage.

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

[H&I laboratory contact information](#) | [RCI laboratory contact information](#)

Dr. Katy Latham - National Head of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics

Reminder that consent is required for blood group genotyping of Haemoglobinopathy patients for us to process samples

Please refer to the [Test Request Guidance Information \(PDF 541KB\)](#): "Consent must be discussed with the patient and ticked" on the request form, so we can process your samples.

Steven Culliford - Service Development Manager, H&I

Disinvestment of Polyagglutination Test for T Activation from 30 August 2024

We are discontinuing patient testing for polyagglutination (T activation) and screening of FFPs for Low Titre Anti-T.

[Please refer to our communication \(PDF 16KB\)](#).

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