

<b>DATE:</b>	12 November 2024
<b>TO:</b>	All Zones: Physicians, Nurses and Healthcare Practitioners
<b>FROM:</b>	APL Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Handling and Transporting Blood Components and Products Online Module, and Blood Drop Sticker Distribution Changes</b>

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### Key Message

- Changes have been made to the Handling and Transporting Blood Components online modules and Blood Drop Sticker distribution process.

### How will this impact you

- Handling and Transporting Blood Components module must be completed every 2 years as per [Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products policy PS-59 \(ahsnet.ca\)](#).
  - AHS sites: This section is now included in the MyLearningLink (MLL) *Transfusion Medicine Education* module.
  - Covenant Health sites: Continue to use the [Handling and Transporting Blood Components and Products \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#) form until the Covenant Learning Connection (CLiC) *Transfusion Medicine Education* module is updated.
- Clinical Nurse Managers, Unit Managers and/or Clinical Nurse Educators are responsible for tracking and monitoring their staff's status of the MLL or CLiC *Transfusion Medicine Education* module and providing them a current Blood Drop sticker (generated by the Transfusion Safety Officers or designate).
- Issuing of blood components and products will not be delayed if staff picking up do not have a current Blood Drop sticker.
  - Staff who present to the Transfusion Medicine Laboratory without a current Blood Drop sticker will be given a form and directed to speak to their Clinical Nurse Manager, Unit Manager and/or Clinical Nurse Educator.

### Action Required

- Ensure that the learning module is completed every 2 years and that staff have the appropriate Blood Drop sticker displayed.

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### Questions/Concerns

- Please contact the [Transfusion Safety Officer for your Zone](#) or email [transfusion.safetyteam@aplabs.ca](mailto:transfusion.safetyteam@aplabs.ca)

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