

DATE:	12 December 2022
TO:	All Zones: Physicians, Nurses and Healthcare Practitioners
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories, Transfusion Medicine (TM)
RE:	Blood Drop Sticker Changes for Handling and Transporting Blood Components and Products

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Key Message





- The blood drop sticker format for handling and transporting blood components and products has changed to reflect the updated competency frequency of every 2 years as outlined in the provincial [Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products policy](#).

Background



- The competency frequency for handling and transporting blood components and products has changed from annually to every 2 years to align with the [Provincial Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products policy](#). This is also reflected in the [Handling and Transporting Blood Components and Products education sheet](#).

How this will impact you

- The format of the blood drop stickers will be updated to reflect the new requirements:

New	Old
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Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood droplet filled with designated color for the year Valid until December 31 of the indicated year 20xx= year (e.g. 2023, 2024 etc.) 	

Note: the acceptable validity period of the old stickers until completely switched over to the new format:

Sticker	Valid until December 31
 2022	2023
 2023	2024



Action Required

- Ensure that the [Handling and Transporting Blood Components and Products form](#) or learning module is completed every 2 years and that staff have the appropriate blood drop sticker displayed.

Effective

- January 1, 2023

Questions/Concerns

- Please contact the Transfusion Safety Officer for your Zone or email transfusion.safetyteam@aplabs.ca

Approved by

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