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DATE:	12 December 2022	
TO:	All Zones: Physicians, Nurses and Healthcare Practioners	
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

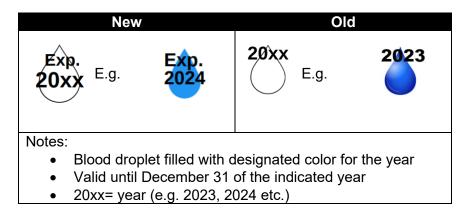
 The blood drop sticker format for handling and transporting blood components and products has changed to reflect the updated competency frequency of every 2 years as outlined in the provincial <u>Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products policy</u>.

Background

 The competency frequency for handling and transporting blood components and products has changed from annually to every 2 years to align with the <u>Provinicial Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood</u> <u>Products policy</u>. This is also reflected in the <u>Handling and Transporting Blood Components and</u> <u>Products education sheet</u>.

How this will impact you

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



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 <u>Handling and Transporting Blood Components and Products form</u> 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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