

<b>DATE:</b>	20 February 2024
<b>TO:</b>	All Zones – Acute Care sites, Nursing Staff, Porters, Physicians and Nurse Practitioners.
<b>FROM:</b>	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) Transfusion Medicine (TM)
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Blood Transport Container Slip</b>

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### Key Message

- All blood transport containers for use within the hospital, including Massive Hemorrhage Protocol (MHP) blood transport containers, will have a slip placed on the exterior that indicates the return time to the TM lab, container contents, and sections requiring completion by clinical staff.

### Background

- As per Health Canada Guidance Document: Blood Regulations [Guidance Document: Blood Regulations - Canada.ca](#) Section 70:
- “Blood and/or blood components that have been distributed from a controlled storage location must not be accepted back into inventory unless there is evidence that the blood and blood components continued to be stored under appropriate environmental conditions or that the blood and blood components, except for platelets, were not outside of a controlled environment for greater than 60 minutes. Procedures to assess returned blood before placing it back into inventory must be followed.”

### Action Required

- As applicable, complete the sections on the Transport Container Slip entitled “For Clinical Use Only” and “Complete below if kit is transported with patient.” (See next page for example.) Return the container by the indicated return time to the TM lab with the completed slip.

### Effective

- February 29, 2024


### Questions/Concerns

- APL TSO (Transfusion Safety Officer) Team: [APL.TSOTeam@albertaprecisionlabs.ca](mailto:APL.TSOTeam@albertaprecisionlabs.ca)

### Approved by

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 <b>ALBERTA PRECISION LABORATORIES</b> <small>Leaders in Laboratory Medicine</small>		<b>Transport Container Slip</b>	
<b>KIT #:</b> <i>MHP use only</i>			
Transport Container #:			
<b>Return to TM by:</b> <i>Issue time + 8 hrs</i>			
<b>Patient Name:</b>			
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MRN: _____			
TSIN: _____			
<b>For TM Use Only</b>			
<b>Patient Location:</b>			
# RBC units:			
# Plasma units:			
# Platelet units:			
<b>For Clinical Use Only</b>			
Were units removed from kit but not transfused? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If <b>Yes</b> , were units immediately put back in kit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If <b>No</b> , how long were units out? _____			
Returned to kit by: _____ (name)			
Complete below if kit is transported with patient			
From PCU:		To PCU:	
# RBC units:			
# Plasma units:			
# Platelet units:			
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Effective September 1, 2023, APL has become the sole provider of all public lab services in Alberta. As a result, community lab services formally provided by DynaLIFE Medical Labs will become the responsibility of Alberta Precision Labs (APL). This change impacts all zones.