

DATE:	20 March 2023
TO:	Calgary Zone - Acute Care sites, Physicians and Nurse Practitioners.
FROM:	APL Transfusion Medicine (TM)
RE:	Implementation of White Transfusion Service Identification Number (TSIN) Bands

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Key Message

- New white TSIN Wristbands will be implemented in Calgary Zone as supply of yellow bands is depleted. This change had been planned for Launch 7 but will be implemented ahead of schedule.

Background

- Original Yellow Bands were discontinued by the manufacturer and replaced with inferior quality bands. TSIN inserts were becoming illegible, especially on pediatric patients. Type and Screens were requiring re-collection due to this.
- Type and Screens tested in other zones may not be valid in Calgary. Contact your local Transfusion Service if you have questions. All Transfusion Medicine testing laboratories will be live in ConnectCare with Launch 7 (November 5, 2023).

How this will impact you

- White bands will replace yellow bands as existing supply is exhausted.
- Please see below for visual instructions.
- New white bands are wider than yellow bands. Neonates and young pediatric patients may require smaller, white bands that are already in use in NICUs (Oracle #366211 – ID Infant Vinyl bands).

Action Required

- Once existing supply of yellow TSIN bands are depleted, begin ordering white TSIN bands.
 - Ordering Information: Oracle #213925 – Band Patient ID Label Adherent White Plastic Snap Closure, 3 inch x 1 inch.

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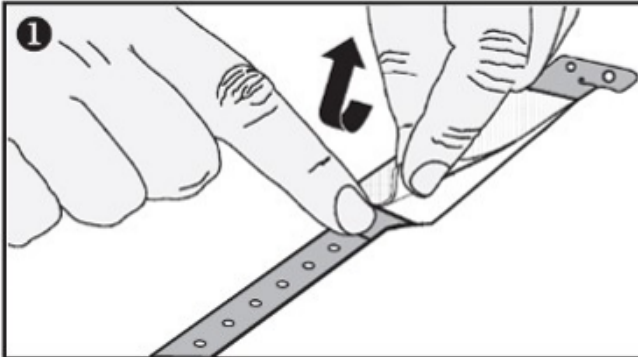
- As yellow band supply is exhausted.

Questions/Concerns

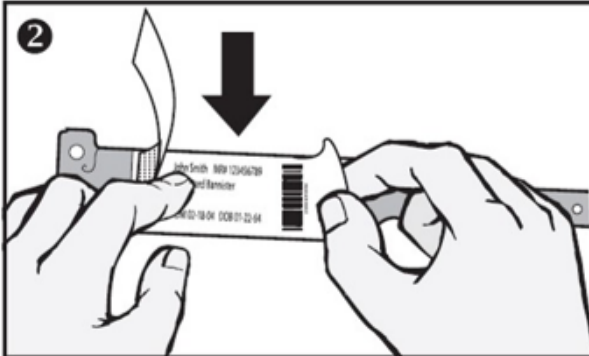
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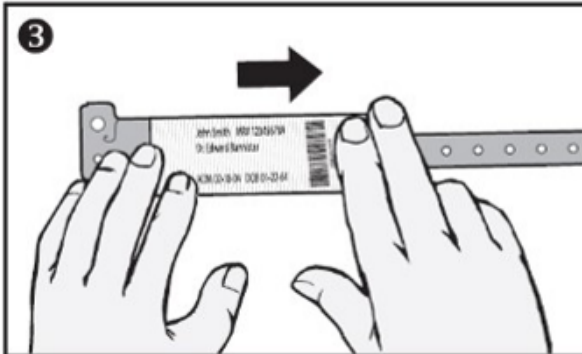
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1 Pull wristband away from pattern sheet. Separate clear cover flap and white backing from information area of wristband by holding strap at perforation and pull back flap.



2 Using your current labeling system, **center label on wristband information area** allowing the best possible seal. Press label down firmly (**maximum label sizes: 1" x 3" Adult 5080, 1" x 2" Adult/Pediatric 5090**). Peel the white backing from the clear cover flap.



3 Press clear cover flap down firmly from left to right, on a flat surface several times. This will help seal and protect your label.

Apply wristband to patient allowing one finger space between wrist and wristband closure.