

<b>DATE:</b>	9 January 2023
<b>TO:</b>	Edmonton Zone – All Clinical Staff North Zone – All Clinical Staff
<b>FROM:</b>	Transfusion and Transplantation Program
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Provincial Transfusion Service Identification Number (TSIN) System</b>

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## Key Message

- You may be seeing or start to see more provincial Transfusion Service Identification Number (TSIN) bands. It is important to confirm the validity of the testing associated with the TSIN band.

## Background

- A provincial TSIN system (TSIN form + band) is being implemented throughout the province in a staggered approach. A single provincial TSIN system allows for seamless transfusion support for patients wherever they are in the province. Currently, several sites in North and Central Zones are live with the provincial TSIN. Edmonton Zone and remaining North Zone sites will transition to the provincial TSIN system in May 2023, at which point the legacy TSIN band will be replaced by the provincial band. Detailed communication to be released closer to implementation. See below for examples of the provincial TSIN band:



**Figure 1:** Provincial TSIN band



**Figure 2:** Neonatal/small pediatric provincial TSIN band (see arrow), daisy-chained to a patient ID band.

## How this will impact you

- Until your area is fully live with the provincial TSIN system, you may be seeing a combination of legacy Zone-specific and provincial TSIN bands.

## Action Required

- For patients transferred from other sites who are wearing a TSIN band, confirm the validity and expiry of the type and screen associated with the TSIN band in Epic or Netcare. If unsure, contact your local Transfusion Medicine laboratory.



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**Questions/Concerns**

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

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