

<b>DATE:</b>	2022 June 13
<b>TO:</b>	All Physicians and Patient Care Units
<b>FROM:</b>	South Zone Transfusion Medicine
<b>RE:</b>	<b>South Zone IVIG Screening Update</b>

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### Key Message

- Starting **June 6, 2022** South Zone Transfusion Medicine (TM) will screen all IVIG requests following the established standardized provincial procedure. This procedure is based on the recommendations from the Prairie Collaborative Criteria for the Clinical Use of Immune Globulin. Following these recommendations will provide the minimal effective dose of IVIG while optimizing the treatment for each individual.

### Background

- South Zone is working to align with provincial processes prior to the Connect Care Launch 7.

### How this will impact you

- South Zone TM will screen product requests for patients with booked IVIG appointments via an established process at the transfusion medicine site. During this review if an IVIG request form is missing, expired or does not contain all of the required elements, TM will contact the transfusing area to ensure the request form is completed with all of the prerequisite information.
- Patients require the request form to be completed in order to initiate IVIG therapy. To avoid delays and potential rescheduling of appointments please ensure all request forms are complete as determined by TM.
- In urgent situations (ITP with bleeding, Guillain Barre Syndrome for example) a patient will not be denied product for transfusion.
- Once IVIG request forms are completed please forward to the appropriate Transfusion Medicine Laboratory:

Site	Phone	Fax
Brooks	403-501-3230	403-362-8362
Medicine Hat	403-502-8648 ext. 1549	403-528-5619
Lethbridge	403-388-6050	403-388-6937

### Action Required

- For more information please refer to the Transfusion Medicine Website, IVIG resources: [Immune Globulin \(IVIG and SCIG\) | Alberta Health Services](#)

**Effective June 6, 2022**

### Questions/Concerns

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