

DATE:	29 May 2023
TO:	South Zone: Jack Ady and Margery E. Yuill Cancer Centre, Acute Kidney Care, Mobile Integrated Health Community Paramedics
FROM:	South Zone Transfusion Medicine
RE:	South Zone use of Transfusion Tag Mounting Records for Connect Care live areas until Launch 7

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Key Message

- For areas live on Connect Care, SZ Transfusion Medicine (TM) will begin printing two copies of the crossmatch tag. One copy will be stuck to the transfusion yellow cardstock and attached to the unit. The second, duplicate copy will be sent alongside the unit to be attached to the mounting record for scanning into the patient's media manager.

Background

- It was discovered that when the crossmatch tag and yellow cardstock was attached to the mounting record, the paper was too thick to be scanned into the patient's media file. While TM is in an interim state until Launch 7 an alternate method was required.

How this will impact you

- Prior to starting the transfusion document the signatures of the 2 health care professionals performing the pre-transfusion verification as well as the start time of transfusion on the 2nd crossmatch tag that will be scanned into Connect Care
- After completing the transfusion of a blood component or product, document the transfusion end time and ensure the extra crossmatch tag is applied to the transfusion tag mounting record and scanned into Connect Care via the patient's media manger.

Action Required

- Refer to [Transfusion Tag Mounting Record \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/transfusion-tag-mounting-record) to find the mounting tag record form
- Refer to this memo for more detailed information on transfusion tag Mounting records [tms-cis-tr-trans-tag-mount-memo.pdf \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/tms-cis-tr-trans-tag-mount-memo.pdf)

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