



**Date:** December 2, 2019  
**To:** FMC Day Medicine – Physicians, Nursing Unit Managers, Nursing Staff, Portering  
**From:** Dr. Davinder Sidhu, Section Chief, Transfusion Medicine  
**Re:** Blood Storage Refrigerator at FMC Day Medicine

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**Key Message:**

- Effective **January 6, 2020**, Day Medicine at Foothills Medical Centre will discontinue the use of the blood storage refrigerator.

**Background:**

- This change is being implemented in response to a Health Canada citation for failing to adequately track and monitor blood products/components in and out of satellite refrigerators.

**Action Required:**

- Red Blood Cells (RBC) will be dispensed “on demand” when ready to begin the infusion.
- RBC will be dispensed one unit at a time.
- No changes will be made to the IVIg or albumin dispense processes.

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