



Date: December 30, 2019
To: FMC Day Medicine – Physicians, Nursing Unit Managers, Nursing Staff, Portering
From: Dr. Davinder Sidhu, Section Chief, Transfusion Medicine, South Sector, APL
Re: Blood Storage Refrigerator at FMC Day Medicine

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Key Message:

- Effective **January 13, 2020**, Day Medicine at Foothills Medical Centre will discontinue the use of the blood storage refrigerator.

Background:

- 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

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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