



Date: May 19, 2020
To: Hematology Physicians, Oncology Physicians
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Re: Change to Provision of Platelets for Aplastic Anemia Patients

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Key Message:

- Effective **May 28, 2020**, apheresis platelets will no longer be routinely provided by Transfusion Medicine to patients with Aplastic Anemia.

Background:

- Apheresis platelets are in increasing short supply from Canadian Blood Services.
- The current transfusion guidelines recommend buffy coat platelet pools be considered equivalent to apheresis platelets (Nahirniak S, *et al.*, Guidance on Platelet Transfusion for Patients With Hypoproliferative Thrombocytopenia, *Transfus Med Rev* (2014), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tmr.2014.11.004>).

Action Required:

- Order pooled platelets as routine practice for Aplastic Anemia patients.

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