



Date: October 5, 2020
To: Calgary Zone Physicians, Nursing Staff, and Unit Managers
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Re: Irradiated Indicator Labels on Red Blood Cells (RBC) and Platelets

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Key Message:

- Effective **September 24, 2020**, Foothills Medical Centre Transfusion Medicine (FMC TM) began irradiating selected RBC and Platelets on site.

Background:

- Canadian Blood Services (CBS) applies Rad-Sure™ labels and FMC TM Applies RadTag® labels to indicate irradiation. Both are acceptable.



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