



Memorandum

Date: June 21, 2016
To: Calgary Zone Rural Sites
From: Dr. Leland Baskin, Clinical Section Chief Transfusion Medicine
Re: **Discontinuation of Results Reports with Blood Product Pick-up**

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Key Messages:

- As of July 1, 2016 the CLS Transfusion Medicine laboratory will no longer provide a copy of the results report, containing the blood type and screen with the crossmatched unit numbers applied for the patient listed, with blood products picked up from the lab.
- The information provided on the reports is available in ARIA (for TBCC Clinic) and Netcare, or the results may be faxed to the unit on completion of testing.

Importance:

- As per nursing policy and procedures, the transfusion tag should be checked at the bedside using the patient's identification bracelet(s) – (Tag to patient check).
- The unit number is verified from the tag to the bag. The paper copy of the results with the unit numbers is not required to complete the pre-transfusion check.

Action Required:

- Please review the nursing transfusion policies and procedures on Insite at <http://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/12305.asp>

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

Transfusion Safety Office at 403-944-1900 for any transfusion related concerns or questions.

This memorandum has been reviewed and approved by:

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Choosing Wisely Transfusion Medicine #9:

Don't transfuse O negative blood except to O negative patients and in emergencies for female patients of child-bearing potential of unknown blood group.