



Memorandum

Date: February 10, 2015

To: Labour and Delivery PCU's and Midwives

From: Julia Hendry

Re: Labelling of Cord Blood Specimens

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Key Messages: Effective February 23, 2015 the maternal ABO/Rh is no longer required as part of cord blood labelling.

Impact: Staff labelling cord blood specimens will no longer be required to transcribe the maternal ABO/Rh results from the prenatal record to the cord blood label. The required information for cord blood specimens is the neonate's name, neonate's RHRN or PHN, maternal first and last name, and maternal RHRN or PHN.

Background: This change is being implemented to eliminate the problem of transcription errors that have been made when writing this information on cord blood specimen labels. Transfusion Medicine now requires the lab technologists to look up maternal ABO/Rh and antibody screen results in the laboratory information system and/or NetCare for all cord blood specimens when received.

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