



Memorandum

Date: 2015 March 06
To: Calgary Zone Rural Physicians
From: Dr. Meer-Taher Shabani-Rad,
Transfusion Medicine Medical Director, Transfusion Safety Office
Re: Removal of the Crossmatch option from the Rural Laboratory Requisition
(REQ9014RURAL)

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Key Messages:

CLS will be removing the Crossmatch option on the Rural Laboratory Requisition and consolidating all Transfusion Medicine orders (i.e. pretransfusion testing, product orders) onto the Pretransfusion Testing Requisition (REQ9004TM).

If you have concerns regarding this change, please contact Cheryl Barclay at 403-944-5381 or Cheryl.Barclay@cls.ab.ca before **Friday March 20th, 2015**.

Background:

- The current Rural Laboratory Requisition (REQ9014RURAL) does not meet the standard requirements of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) for requesting blood components/products.
- The current process at the rural sites for crossmatching requires the use of 2 forms: one for testing, REQ9014RURAL, and one for ordering components, REQ9006TM.

Impact:

- By consolidating all Transfusion Medicine orders onto the Pretransfusion Testing Requisition only one requisition will be used.
- Two requisitions will be used if a laboratory test other than pretransfusion testing is required.

This memorandum has been reviewed and approved by:

Dr. Meer-Taher Shabani-Rad, Transfusion Medicine Medical Director, Transfusion Safety Office