



# Memorandum

**Date:** April 26, 2016  
**To:** Northwest Hemodialysis, Fanning Hemodialysis, Sunridge Hemodialysis  
**From:** Joanna McCarthy, Regional Tech III, Transfusion Medicine, CLS  
**Re:** **Temperature Monitoring Devices in Blood Transport Boxes**

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**Key Message:**

- Effective May 1, 2016, Transfusion Medicine will no longer be placing temperature monitoring devices (data loggers) inside all blood transport boxes sent to the Hemodialysis clinics.

**Importance:**

- Clinic staff will no longer be responsible for temperature monitoring activity with respect to blood components or products sent to the clinics.
- The CLS transport boxes have been validated to maintain the appropriate blood transport temperature for 24 hrs. Standards require validation and auditing of the transport process, but do not require continuous monitoring of the temperature.
- On a quarterly basis Transfusion Medicine will perform audits by placing data loggers in transport boxes sent to Hemodialysis clinics in a manner similar to the previous process for continual monitoring. This will provide confidence that the appropriate temperature of blood components and products are being maintained.

**Action Required:**

- Inform all dialysis staff that data loggers will no longer be present in blood transport boxes

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