

Date: May 07, 2012
To: Central Zone – Former East Central Health Sites: Acute Care Site Leaders, Nursing Managers and Nursing staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services – Central Zone
Re: Notification of Administration of Blood or Blood Products Form

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Key Messages:

Effective June 1, 2012, Alberta Health Services – former East Central Health sites, will be implementing a patient notification process for Blood and Blood Products. This is an accreditation requirement that requires our collective compliance. A process for this notification has been in place in most jurisdictions in the province for some time now and with this implementation, all acute care facilities in Central Zone will meet this requirement.

Why this is important:

The Canadian Society of Transfusion Medicine (CSTM) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standards state: *“A policy shall be established to ensure notification of recipients of blood components and blood products in writing.”*

Action Required:

In preparation for the implementation of the Notification of Blood or Blood Product Forms each clinical area that administers blood or blood products needs to order a supply of the new forms. Please ensure these forms are ordered and available for use at your site by June 1, 2012. An implementation package including Frequently Asked Questions will be distributed as soon as it is available.

Ordering Instructions for Notification of Administration of Blood or Blood Products Form #103684

- Complete a “Form Requisition” to order the Notification of Administration of Blood or Blood Products Form #103684 available in packages of 100 at a cost of \$14.64/package from Print Production-Wetaskiwin.
- For sites without a “Form Requisition”, contact Douglas Bray at 780-361-4108 for assistance with the first order.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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