

**Date:** July 31, 2012

**To:** North Zone - (Former Aspen Region)  
Physicians and Laboratory Directors and Managers

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services

**Re:** Issuing of Transfusion Medicine Patient Notification Letters

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**Key Message:**

- AHS Laboratory Services will be issuing Transfusion Medicine patient notification letters commencing in July 2012.

**Why is this important:**

- The Canadian Society for Transfusion Medicine (CSTM) Laboratory accreditation standards state: "A policy shall be established to ensure notification of recipients of blood components and blood products is provided in writing" (CSTM standard 1.12, version 3 - February 2011).
- Commencing in the month of July, patients that were transfused with blood components and blood products in the months of June 2012 and onward will receive notification letters.
- Letters will be mailed to the patients' home address.

**Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:**

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