

Date: March 8, 2013
To: Edmonton Zone: Physicians, Nursing
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Revised Prothrombin Complex Concentrate Request Form

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Key Messages:

The revised Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC) Request Form (Version 1.6) is now available at www.albertahealthservices.ca/5496.asp

The Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (PCC) Request Form has been revised to include the patient's history of Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT). If testing has been performed, HIT assay results will be in the 'Coagulation' section of Netcare.

Why this is important:

PCCs are contraindicated in patients with HIT due to the presence of heparin in PCCs. If requesting PCCs for a patient with a current or past positive HIT history, the Transfusion Medicine Physician on-call should be paged through Locating.

Action Required:

Remove existing copies of old versions of the PCC Request Form.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

On-call Transfusion Medicine Physician - page through Locating or
Transfusion Safety Coordinator, Mondays to Fridays from 7:00 am to 3:15 pm at 780-407-6805

This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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