



INFORMATION ONLY

Gammagard Liquid Supply

Customer Letter # 2019-14

2019-07-17

Dear Colleagues:

The attached customer letter from Takeda (formerly Shire) provides important information related to supply challenges of Gammagard Liquid, Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% vial sizes 5g, 10g and 30g.

Canadian Blood Services is presently experiencing short supply of Gammagard Liquid vial sizes 5g, 10g and 30g. While we are receiving shipments over the summer months of some sizes, it is expected that the current supply challenges of these specific vial sizes will continue until September 2019. There is inventory available for both Gammagard Liquid 2.5g and 20g. Understanding that Ig brands cannot be mixed for substitution, please advise the Hospital Liaison Specialist in your area if wastage has occurred when dispensing Gammagard Liquid.

Canadian Blood Services is committed to ensuring optimal provision of plasma derived products on its formulary, including intravenous immune globulin, at a predictable cost to funders. We are monitoring this situation to ensure a stable long-term supply of both intravenous and subcutaneous immune globulin.

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who might be interested in this information.

This customer letter can also be viewed at www.blood.ca in the "Hospitals Services" section. If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,

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