Dear Colleagues:

This letter is to inform you Canadian Blood Services has received Health Canada approval for the implementation of Human Leukocyte Antigen and Human Platelet Antigen (HLA/HPA) Results Printed on Apheresis Platelet End Label.

Information regarding this initiative was provided in customer letter 2020-01. To recap, we are making a change to the Apheresis Platelet component end label to include the printing of HLA/HPA results. Currently hospital customers are provided with a screen shot of the results from the Canadian Blood Services Laboratory Information System. This change will improve availability of this information for our hospital customers and make sharing of these screen shots unnecessary in most cases. This change will be implemented on 2020-03-02.

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,

David Howe
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