



**The Update
November 2017**

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Please [email](#) your report for inclusion in the 2017 annual report. Any incomplete cases will be carried over and included in the next report.

Many thanks.

Alison Watt, SHOT Operations Manager

Please help with the James Lind Alliance for Blood Donation and Blood Transfusion prioritisation survey

Last year the James Lind Alliance Blood Donation and Blood Transfusion Priority Setting Partnership carried out a survey asking for questions for research about blood donation and the use of blood transfusion.

Every response was carefully considered and they have now been analysed and checked against existing research to ensure that they are all true uncertainties. This has resulted in a list of 50 confirmed questions for research around the process of blood donation, the

benefits and complications of a blood transfusion, the decision and the administration of a blood transfusion.

We are now looking for patients, carers and health professionals to help us narrow down the 50 questions into a shorter list to take to our final prioritisation workshop on 28 February 2018 for patients, carers and clinicians to come together to discuss and agree a final list.

Please help to get as many people as possible completing the survey by sharing this news through your networks. People can help by:

- tweeting about the survey, being sure to include a link to the survey. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRFCZJ9>
- writing your own story via your blog, including a link to the survey
- circulating the survey (or a link to it) by email or other channels

If you are interested in attending the workshop please give your details at the end of the survey.

We thank you for your assistance.

Professor Mike Murphy, on behalf of the JLA PSP Blood Donation and Blood Transfusion Steering Group

Please start updating your systems for ISBT 128 compliant blood and blood component pack labels for 2019

In [July](#) we announced our intention to move to ISBT 128 compliance as part of our drive towards quality and excellence.

We would now like to inform you transition labels will be introduced in April next year for a transition phase starting the same month and continuing into 2019.

During the transition please use this [mapping data](#) to update your systems to read the ISBT 128 product codes, in readiness for when the final labels will be implemented in 2019.

The transition labels retain the codabars for:

- Donation number
- ABO and Rh
- Product code
- Expiry date / time

- CMV status (where applicable)

The differences are the:

- Position of the barcodes
- Exclusion of the short Donor Identification Number (DIN)
- Inclusion of the 2D data matrix

Please see example transition labels:

- [0054 RBC](#)
- [0451 platelet apheresis](#)
- [L531 cryo](#)
- [LF15 FFP](#)

Please be assured that although the transition labels use the 2D data matrix your system does not need to be able to read the 2D codes immediately.

The codes will allow those hospitals using systems which can currently read 2D to benefit from the improved functionality, and provide those that don't have the facility sufficient time to update.

There will be a period when both the old labels, and new transition labels will be in circulation on different components; provisionally, from April to July 2018.

The Joint United Kingdom (UK) Blood Transfusion and Tissue Transplantation Services Professional Advisory Committee (JPAC) [recommended](#) February 2019 for the end of the transition phase. This recommendation was also endorsed by the Standing Advisory Committee Information Technology (SACIT). The date has now been deferred. We will update you as we learn more.

The technical specification is currently being produced by SACIT. We will circulate it when it's available.

Please [email](#) me if you have any queries.

Craig Wilkes, Regional Hospital Customer Service Manager - South West

For Information

Autumn 2017 SHOT newsletter is now available

Please [read](#) our latest newsletter.

Participation benchmarking data for 2016 SHOT reports is now available

[View the data](#)

How to request a SHOT speaker for your meetings and conferences

If you would like a speaker to attend please [email](#) your request and mark it FAO SHOT Medical Director. This will help us avoid the difficulty of managing competing priorities when speakers are arranged ad hoc.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Alison Watt, SHOT Operations Manager

Manually washed red cells in place of automated washed red cells

In the September edition of The Update we advised you that we were changing to manual cell washing of red cells from automated washing. This change will have provided you with a component with a higher haemoglobin content.

Unfortunately, there has been an issue with one of our suppliers and we are having to delay the launch of the manual process. Our best understanding is that we will be able to launch manual washing in Filton and Colindale in mid-January with Manchester joining in February.

Please bear with us whilst we work with our supplier to ensure a successful launch of the new process.

Jane Davies, Lead Processing Specialist

NHSBT Reagents' CellStab products now available for IH500 & IH1000 analysers

We are pleased to announce, in partnership with Bio-Rad, our existing product range is available to order in bottles suitable for the IH500 and IH1000 Bio-Rad clinical diagnostic analysers.

Quality assurance

Our continual drive for improvement means that you can rely on the quality of our ISO13485 accredited and CE marked serology products. Our products meet the requirements of the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion Services. They are designed to a higher specification than required by BCSH and the Guidelines for UK Transfusion Services, consistently allowing users to resolve mixtures of antibodies.

Information is available on our [website](#), or you may [email](#) the Reagents' Customer Services team or telephone 0151 268 7157.

Michelle Weston, Reagents Operations Manager

New Irradiation Labels

In the October edition of The Update we informed you of our planned move to a new style irradiation label.

A small number of hospitals have raised concerns with the labels and we have decided to delay the implementation whilst these concerns are best understood and taken account of. We will provide an update in due course.

Dave Edmondson, Head of Manufacturing and Product Development

HEV on OBOS

Following the announcement on 1 November 2017 that we are now supplying 100% HEV negative components we will disable the HEV tick box in OBOS from Tuesday 28 November.

Craig Wilkes, Regional Hospital Customer Service Manager - South West

For Training

Our [training events](#) are open to Hospitals and your attendance is welcomed. We look forward to meeting you.

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