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Review your stockholding using the Platelet Stock Algorithm

The [Platelet Stock Algorithm](#) has been updated with the information collated from the A Negative platelet survey.

This includes advice on the specification of emergency platelet stock and a decision-making guide as to whether to stock platelets.

Clare Denison, Lead Specialist - Blood Stocks Management Scheme

Review your stockholding of AB red cells to meet patient need

We will be reducing our collection target for AB red cells from June with the intention to collect to 'true demand' by the end of August.

Our aim is to maintain sufficient stock for patient need, whilst reducing waste in NHSBT and hospitals. We will continue to offer credits for unused units.

Please review your stock holding to minimise waste and requests for credit.

If you have any queries please get in touch with your Customer Service Manager.

Tracey Scholes, Customer Service Development Manager

Register for the 2018 SHOT Symposium

The keynote speaker is Trevor Dale who specialises in Human Factors and will be presenting 'Walking the tightrope – maintaining confidence in the face of errors'.

In 2002, after working in Human Factors at British Airways to reduce pilot error, Trevor moved into Human Factors in healthcare, in paediatric cardiac surgery. His work now covers surgery, ITU, anaesthesia and mental health; developing clinical simulation for Human Factors training is a particular focus.

[Register to attend](#)

Dr Paula Bolton-Maggs, Medical Director SHOT

For Information

How to amend or cancel standing orders in OBOS

If you need to cancel or amend a standing order you need to make sure that you consider any orders that are due in the next eight days and cancel/amend them too.

Orders may be amended before we start to allocate components; at this point the order is locked and the option to amend/cancel online is not available. If you need to amend a locked order, please telephone your Hospital Services department.

OBOS automatically moves individual orders from a standing order schedule when it becomes due for delivery within eight days. The order will move from the 'next deliveries' section on the standing order page to the 'current orders' section of the home page. How your homepage is configured will determine how far in advance you can see individual standing orders. Please see page 46 of the user guide on 'Updating Order Display'.

To amend or cancel future standing orders that have not yet moved across as 'current orders' please amend the standing order schedule. You can access this by clicking on 'amend scheduled or ordered products' link on the order summary screen.

Any orders that have moved across to the current orders section will need to be amended or cancelled individually by accessing the order from the homepage.

Christine Gallagher, Regional Customer Service Manager - North

New supplier of blood packs

Following a tender process, we have now awarded the contract for blood pack supply.

We performed extensive validations on the packs and issued significant numbers of them to hospitals at various times over the last two years with no cause for concern.

All primary collection systems, pooled platelet packs and neonatal platelet packs will remain with the same suppliers, however their pack reference numbers will update due to minor cosmetic differences or differences seen during collection and manufacture of the final blood components. This will not affect the component codes.

The change of supplier applies to:

- Neonatal packs for red cells, non-UK plasma and the single transfer pack (used for clinical buffy coats). Under the new contract these packs will be supplied by Fresenius Kabi. The notable difference is that the ports tear in a horizontal orientation which is different to the vertical orientation of the Macopharma packs that they will replace.
- The packs we use to manufacture apheresis platelet split pack 3 will also switch to Fresenius Kabi. The ports for these remain in the twist off format currently in use.

The change to the new suppliers will take place from June 2018, although you will see blood packs from both the current and new suppliers whilst current stocks are used up.

If you have any queries concerning this change, please contact your Hospital Service department or Customer Service Manager.

Jane Davies, Lead Specialist - MDT

Upgrade of Specialist Services electronic reporting system (Sp-ICE)

On Wednesday 13 June we will be installing a new version of Sp-ICE.

Patient alerts have been configured in this version (v7.0) so that patients with clinically significant red cell antibodies and / or special blood requirements are easily identifiable.

The following patient alerts have been configured:

Red cell antibodies

If any of the following antibodies have been identified by RCI, these will be shown and remain as an alert on the patient's record:

Anti-Fya, Anti-Fyb, Anti-Jka, Anti-Jkb, Anti-K, Anti-k, Anti-Kpa, Anti-Kpb, Anti-Lea, Anti-Leb, Anti-Lua, Anti-Lub, Anti-M, Anti-N, Anti-S, Anti-s, Anti-U, Anti-D, Anti-C, Anti-E, Anti-c, Anti-e, Anti-Cw

Special blood requirements

The following alerts will display where we have been informed by the hospital, and can be removed on request:

- CMV negative products required
- Irradiated products required
- Washed products required
- Washed and irradiated products required
- IgA deficient products required
- Sickle neg Rh matched products required
- HEV negative products required

Please read the new versions of the [user guide and training presentation](#)

Helen Cerullo, Secondary Systems Manager Specialist Services - IT

NHSBT Stand-by Issue System - Change to Dispatch Note

From 15 June 2018 the dispatch note produced by our Stand-by Issue System (SIS) will have some minor change in appearance following an upgrade.

The SIS is part of our contingency plans should our main issue system (Pulse) be unavailable.

In the unlikely event of us reverting to the stand by system during the upgrade there will be a short period when both old and new style dispatch notes may be generated.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Customer Service Manager.

Craig Wilkes, Regional 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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