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**For Action****Please review your platelet ordering practice**

We are respectfully requesting that you review your practice in line with our guidance, to help us ensure equitable availability for all hospitals.

Our guidance is that you:

- Order in line with BSH guidelines to help us maintain the availability of higher specification platelets for those patients who need them.
- Consider the clinical requirement before specifying apheresis and / or CMV negative requirements. Please refer to the [Apheresis Platelet Myth Buster](#) on the Hospitals and Science website for further information.
- Do not request High Titre negative for ABO identical platelet transfusion.
- Accept substitution of D negative units for D positive requests, or irradiated units for non-irradiated requests. You will not incur any additional charge for substituted units.

Whenever possible we will supply units requested for stock with a minimum 48 hours shelf life from receipt, in accordance with your blood and blood component contract.

If you think this may raise concerns in your laboratory, please discuss with your Hospital Services team or Customer Services Manager.

*Michael Roberts, National Platelet Stock Manager*

### **Please follow our process for reporting leaking red cell and platelet packs**

The process has been standardised to improve accuracy, ensure comprehensive data is obtained and will help to inform future actions that may be taken to reduce the frequency, and subsequent wastage, of leaking packs reported by hospitals.

When a leaking red cell or platelet pack is identified, and the cause may be due to a potential pack defect, you should:

- report it to Hospital Services, then
- quarantine the unit, then
- return the unit in a bio-hazard bottle for investigation

Please cascade [the process](#) to relevant staff.

Hospitals should only [request a credit](#) for leaking or associated contaminated packs if they have been reported.

*Delia Smith, Customer Service Manager*

### **SHOT Symposium 9 July 2019 - call for abstracts by 26 April 2019**

We are now inviting abstracts for poster presentation at the symposium, being held at Rothamsted Centre for Research and Enterprise, Harpenden, Herts, AL5 2JQ.

The best two abstracts will be given a 10 minute oral slot in the programme. The topics are:

- Transfusion education
- Audit
- Quality improvement projects

[Guidance, submission forms and further information](#)

We look forward to receiving your abstracts.

*Shruthi Narayan, SHOT Medical Director*

**For Information**

## Service provision for the holiday period December 2018 to January 2019: IBGRL; Deliveries, RCI, H&I

May we please remind you of our adjusted service provision schedules for this period, which are as follows:

- [IBGRL; calendar for quick reference](#)
- [Deliveries, RCI, H&I and calendar for quick reference](#)

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## Blood Stock Management System Consultant reports; Annual Report 2017-18

The top-level reports previously sent as paper copies to Consultant Haematologists responsible for blood transfusion are now available to view in the E-Reports section on VANESA. Please [register](#) if you require access to VANESA.

[Read the Annual Report](#)

*Clare Denison, Sue Cotton - Blood Stocks Management Scheme*

## Updated children's information leaflets: 'The Amazing You' and 'Voyages on the microsub discovery'

These are available to order from the [distribution hub](#) or [download](#) from the Hospitals and Science website from 3 December 2018.



*Louise Sherliker, National Lead - Patient Blood Management Practitioner Team*

## **For Training**

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

*Ruth Evans, OD Manager - Scientific and Clinical Training*

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