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Circular of Information – CBS to Begin Selective Testing
for *Trypanosoma cruzi* (*T. cruzi*) or Chagas Disease

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Dear Customer:

Canadian Blood Services will begin selective testing on donor samples for antibodies to *T. cruzi* (Chagas) in May 2010. Testing will be performed on donors who are at increased risk for Chagas disease. The following statement will apply to the Circular of Information, January 2009 Edition, **Composition and properties** section:

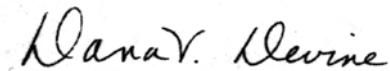
“A donor sample is only tested for antibodies to *Trypanosoma cruzi* (*T. cruzi* or Chagas Disease) when increased risk is present.”

A new edition of the Circular of Information, planned for release in late 2010, will include information related to Chagas testing on donor samples.

This Customer Letter can also be viewed at www.blood.ca in the “Hospitals” section.

If you have questions about this Customer Letter, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.

Sincerely,



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