

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**Launch of Hizentra™ 20%, Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (Human)**

**Customer Letter #2012-02**

2012-01-19

Dear Customer:

Hizentra™, 20% Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (Human), supplied by CSL Behring Canada is now licensed in Canada and approved for distribution through Canadian Blood Services.

The enclosed Dear Health Care Professional letter from CSL Behring Canada dated January 4, 2012 provides further details regarding Hizentra™, 20% Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (Human).

Please refer to the Table below for comparisons between Vivaglobin® Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human) which is currently distributed through Canadian Blood Services and Hizentra™. All information provided below was taken from the most current product monographs. For further product details, the product monographs for Vivaglobin® and Hizentra™ can be found at [www.cslbehring.ca](http://www.cslbehring.ca).

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Vivaglobin®</b>	<b>Hizentra™</b>
<b>Concentration</b>	16%	20%
<b>Storage</b>	2-8°C	2-25°C
<b>IgA content</b>	Not provided in Product Monograph	No more than 50 mg/mL (average of 8 mg/L)
<b>Infusion rate</b>	In clinical studies, a volume of 15 mL per injection site at a rate of 20 mL per hour per site was not exceeded. Doses over 15 mL were divided and infused simultaneously into several sites.	For the first infusion of Hizentra, the maximum recommended flow rate is 15 mL per hour per site. For subsequent infusions, the flow rate may be increased to a maximum of 34 mL per hour per site as tolerated. The maximum flow rate observed in the clinical study was 70 mL per hour for all sites combined at any time.
<b>Indication</b>	Primary immune deficiency (PID)	Primary immune deficiency (PID) and Secondary immune deficiency (SID)

While it is expected that patients will be transitioned from Vivaglobin® to Hizentra™, CSL Behring will continue to make Vivaglobin® available to Canadian Blood Services until March 31, 2013.



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Hizentra™ is available in 5 mL, 10 mL and 20 mL formats. Please reference the Table below for ordering.

<b>VIAL SIZE</b>	<b>CBS CODE</b>
5 mL	1000106100
10 mL	1000106101
20 mL	1000106224

The Plasma Protein Order Form will be revised and made available to customers in January 2012. The revised Plasma Protein Order Form can be downloaded from [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) by following the links to “Hospitals” and “Hospital Customer Forms”, which is password protected. Please contact your local Hospital Liaison Specialist to obtain the User Name and Password or for a hardcopy of the Plasma Protein Order Form. Canadian Blood Services will notify hospitals when the new Order Form is posted.

For further information regarding Hizentra™, 20%, Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (Human), please contact CSL Behring Customer Service at 1-866-773-7721 ext 2386.

This Customer Letter and the enclosures can also be viewed at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) in the “Hospitals” section. If you have questions about this Customer Letter, please contact Canadian Blood Services Plasma Products and Services at 613-739-2542.

Sincerely,

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