
INFORMATION ONLY**Discontinuation of Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma 500mL****Customer Letter # 2021-37**

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Dear Colleagues:

By February 2022, Canadian Blood Services will be discontinuing collections of Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma (AFFP) sodium citrate, 500mL size (product code E0909V00) to increase Canadian plasma for fractionation of immunoglobulin.

The distribution of AFFP sodium citrate 500mL has continued to decline year over year. In clinical situations where plasma components are indicated, Frozen Plasma (whole blood derived), Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma ACD-A 250mL, Apheresis Frozen Plasma ACD-A 250mL can all be used interchangeably instead of Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma 500mL size.

The main changes will be:

- By February 2022 collections of Apheresis Fresh Frozen Plasma (AFFP) sodium citrate, 500 ml size (product code E0909V00) will be discontinued.
- No later than one year later, AFFP sodium citrate, 500 ml size (product code E0909V00) will be delisted from our product portfolio.
- The *Circular of Information, Plasma Components (AFFP, FP CPD, Cryosupernatant CPD, Cryoprecipitate CPD)* will be updated at a later date to reflect changes when the AFFP sodium citrate 500mL is removed from our product portfolio.
- Please do not remove the code for AFFP sodium citrate 500mL from your Hospital laboratory information systems until notified by Customer Letter as this product may be distributed to your facility for up to one year after discontinuation of collection as existing inventory is consumed.

Confirmation of the dates for discontinuing collections of AFFP sodium citrate 500mL and delisting the product will be communicated through Customer Letters.

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who might be interested in this information.

This customer letter can also be viewed at www.blood.ca in the “Hospitals Services” section. If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Howe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Howe
Director, Supply Chain Process Management