

INFORMATION ONLY

Implementation Update: Introduction of Psoralen Treated Pooled Platelets in Ottawa (to be distributed to hospitals **NOT** served by Ottawa Site)

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Dear Colleagues:

Further to Customer Letter 2021-31, Health Canada has approved the implementation of pathogen-reduced pooled platelets and we are happy to report that the production of pathogen reduced Psoralen-Treated Pooled Platelets commenced at the Ottawa Site on Monday, January 17, 2022. Please note, these components are only available to hospitals served by our Ottawa Site at this time.

For additional information about these platelet components, please refer to the Circular of Information for Pathogen Reduced Platelet Concentrates at https://www.blood.ca/en/hospital-services/products/component-types/circular-information.

Detailed plans and dates of an eventual national deployment are being developed and hospitals will be advised well in advance when this new product will become available in their area.

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who might be interested in this information and thank you for your continued support.

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,

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