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**INFORMATION ONLY****NAC Recommendations for the Use of Solvent-Detergent Plasma in Canada;  
Important Changes to Post Thaw Storage of Octaplasma****Customer Letter # 2023-07**

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Dear Colleagues:

Further to customer letter [2023-04](#), the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products (NAC) recently published [recommendations](#) for the use of solvent-detergent treated pathogen inactivated plasma (Octaplasma) in Canada. The document includes sections on indications, special populations, and dosing considerations.

Please also find attached a document from Octapharma regarding important changes to the storage conditions of thawed Octaplasma. These updated and extended storage conditions apply to all batches and units of Octaplasma presently in your hospital inventory. We'd also like to share with you that support materials created by our colleagues at Octapharma are now available [Homepage - Octaplasma](#).

**Key Dates Reminder**

**March 27, 2023** –removal of restrictions and hospitals will be able to order Octaplasma for all patient groups.

**September 2023** – All hospitals should be ordering 80% or more Octaplasma by this date.

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](http://www.blood.ca) in the “Hospital 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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