

## **ACTION REQUIRED**

### Shelf Life Extension of Pooled Platelets Psoralen-Treated Components from 5 to 7 Days

Customer Letter # 2023-10

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Dear Colleagues:

Canadian Blood Services has received Health Canada approval to extend the shelf life of pooled platelets psoralen-treated (PPPT) from 5 days to 7 days. The implementation date is April 24, 2023.

Component codes will not change with 7-day platelets and, within the first week of implementation, hospitals receiving PPPT may receive a mixed inventory of platelets with a 5-day shelf life and a 7-day shelf life. Extra attention to PPPT expiry dates during this time may be required.

ISBT 128 Code	Mnemonic Text (Packing Slip)
EA439VA0	PP PT PAS-E DIV-1
EA439VB0	PP PT PAS-E DIV-2

Please ensure that Laboratory Information Systems are configured to accept these components with the new 7-day shelf life starting the week of April 24, 2023.

As per Customer Letter [2022-34](#), pending Health Canada approval, apheresis platelets psoralen-treated and apheresis platelets in PAS-E (platelet additive solution) are expected to implement with a 7-day shelf life.

For more information, please refer to the education resources available in the [Clinical Guide](#) posted on our Professional Education website.

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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