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Revision of Request for RHD Genotyping Form

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Dear Colleagues:

Effective July 4, 2023, updated versions of the *Request for RHD Genotyping (F800181)* and *Demande de Génotypage RHD (F800182)* are now available on blood.ca. The revised requisitions help to ensure the appropriate clinical and serologic history are available for result interpretation. *RHD* genotyping is performed using a targeted assay designed to detect the most common *RHD* variants.

When completing the updated requisition, please:

- Clearly indicate if the patient is perinatal or has an underlying hemoglobinopathy
- Attach the relevant serologic test results (ie RhD typing, antibody investigation)
- Select the specific reason for the test request from the following list:
 - Weak, variable or discrepant RhD phenotype
 - Assessment for *RHD* variant in hemoglobinopathy
 - Anti-D with serologic RhD positive phenotype

The updated electronic fillable form is available at <https://blood.ca/en/hospital-services/laboratory-services>. Customers may complete the form electronically or manually. A hard copy of the completed requisition must accompany all samples submitted for testing.

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 “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,

David Howe
Director, Supply Chain Process Management