



INFORMATION ONLY

Substituting Frozen Plasma

Customer Letter # 2023-21

2023-08-14

Dear Colleagues:

Canadian Blood Services Inventory levels of group AB frozen plasma (Frozen Plasma (whole blood derived) and Apheresis Frozen Plasma ACD-A) are above the optimal range.

As per our Circular of Information for Plasma Components, Group AB plasma (see above) is an acceptable substitute for all frozen plasma blood groups. Although frozen plasma has the Rh group indicated on the product label, Rh need not be considered for use. For more information regarding acceptable substitutions for blood components, refer to our [Clinical Guide to Transfusion](#).

Due to the above optimal inventory levels of group AB frozen plasma Canadian Blood Services distribution departments will be substituting group AB frozen plasma when other ABO groups are requested unless otherwise informed by the requestor starting 2023-09-18.

This practice will continue anytime group AB frozen plasma inventories are above optimal levels.

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