

INFORMATION MEMO

**BC and Yukon Centre
Diagnostic Services Laboratory
HLA / Platelet Antibody requests**

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Dear Hospital Transfusion Services' Medical Director, Technical Lead, Supervisor

As of July 21, 2014:

1. Canadian Blood Services (CBS) , BC & Yukon Diagnostic Services, will be replacing its current Platelet Antibody Investigation and HLA Antibody Investigation forms with a new CBS Winnipeg Centre, Platelet Immunology requisition. The BC & Yukon Diagnostic Services web site will be updated with detailed instructions and will also provide access to the new requisition.

www.blood.ca/diagnosticservices

2. The HLA antibody screen test (for patients refractory to platelet transfusions as a result of suspected HLA or platelet antibodies) will be discontinued at BC & Yukon Diagnostic Services. The HLA antibody screen test that is performed at BC & Yukon Diagnostic Services is not as sensitive as the HLA tests performed at the CBS Winnipeg Platelet Immunology Laboratory. BC & Yukon however will continue to test for platelet antibodies and will refer all HLA testing to Winnipeg CBS where more sensitive tests are available.

If you have any questions please contact BC & Yukon Diagnostic Services Manager at 604-707-3481 tony.dolnik@blood.ca

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