



**URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

**To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES**  
**From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee\***  
**Subject: AMBER PHASE ADVISORY UPDATE #2**

**National Inventory SHORTAGE Advisory Update #2**

<b>Date and time of issue</b>	2019-06-07 10:00 (EDT)
<b>Inventory Availability Phase</b>	<b>AMBER PHASE</b>
<b>Product(s)</b>	<b>Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin (SCIg)</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>The following is an update to the Amber Advisory originally issued on 2019-05-08. As previously communicated, Canadian Blood Services is currently experiencing short supply of SCIg (Cuvitru®) and this advisory remains in effect.</p> <p>Canadian Blood Services has been receiving additional SCIg from multiple suppliers which has improved the current inventory, which is allowing for some increased availability of larger vial sizes from Canadian Blood Services distribution sites. The actions taken by hospitals/clinics have also stabilized demand. As a result, the SCIg current supply situation is gradually improving. We thank stakeholder groups, hospitals and clinics for all their work and continued support during this shortage.</p>
<b>Impact on hospitals</b>	<p>Continued sustained supply of larger vial sizes remains a concern. The NEBMC /provincial programmes are working with stakeholders to develop a strategy to prioritize allocation of larger vials to hospitals/patients. Further communications will be distributed once developed. Until that is finalized, we encourage hospitals to order vial sizes for existing patients per their normal practice.</p> <p>Until adequate SCIg supply is restored, we recommend that hospitals continue to follow the previously distributed guidance from communications in May. Hospitals/clinics have been asked to continue to delay transitioning new patients to SCIg, except where it is the only option deemed appropriate for that patient (e.g. patients with urgent clinical need and poor venous access) until further notice.</p>
<b>For more information</b>	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services</li> <li>2. Your representative to the National Advisory Committee on Blood &amp; Blood Products</li> <li>3. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee</li> <li>4. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee</li> </ol>

\*The National Emergency Blood Management Committee is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products, Provincial Territorial Blood Liaison representatives and key Canadian Blood Services personnel. This group will develop recommendations and provide advice to the P/T Ministries of Health, hospitals and regional health authorities, and Canadian Blood Services to support a consistent and coordinated response to critical blood shortages in Canada.

For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see: <https://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html>

If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.