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**TO:** Saskatchewan Health Authority – Clinical and Technical Staff

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**RE:** Saskatchewan Transfusion Resource Manual – Release of New and Updated Documents

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On behalf of provincial Transfusion Services and the Transfusion Medicine Discipline Committee, we are pleased to announce that the [Saskatchewan Transfusion Resource Manual](#) is undergoing revision. Several ‘new’ and ‘updated’ guidelines and appendices are now available on the [SaskBlood](#) website.

The Saskatchewan Transfusion Resource Manual serves as a provincial resource to assist transfusing facilities in achieving compliance with established standards and provincial/federal regulations related to the practice of Transfusion Medicine. The purpose of the manual is to provide current, evidenced based, best practice clinical guidelines for all health professionals involved in any transfusion-related activity. The intended audience of the manual is physicians, nurses and technologists.

Please use Google Chrome to view the manual. The list of ‘new’ and ‘updated’ guidelines and appendices includes:

**Guidelines:**

- Guideline SK 1 Informed Consent or Refusal of Consent for the Administration of Blood Components and Blood Products (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 2 Transfusion Orders for Pre-Transfusion Tests and Blood Components/Products (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 3 Patient Identification and Labelling of Pre-transfusion Samples including use of the SK TSIN System (NEW)
- Guideline SK 4 Acceptance Criteria and Sample Suitability for Pre-Transfusion Testing (NEW)
- Guideline SK 5 Collection and Labelling of Cord Blood and Maternal Postpartum Samples (NEW)
- Guideline SK 6 Receipt of Blood Components and Blood Products into Inventory (NEW)
- Guideline SK 7 Visual Inspection of Blood Components and Blood Products (NEW)
- Guideline SK 8 Issue and Return of Blood Components and Blood Products (NEW)
- Guideline SK 9 Selection of Blood Components and Special Transfusion Requirements (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 10 Emergency Release of Red Blood Cells and Plasma (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 11 Transporting Blood Components and Blood Products within a Facility (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 17 Transfusion Associated Adverse Reaction Investigation and Reporting (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 18 Instructions to Complete the Saskatchewan Transfusion Adverse Event Report Form (UPDATED)
- Guideline SK 19 Transfusion Associated Error and Accident Investigation and Reporting (UPDATED)

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**Appendices:**

- Appendix # 2 Glossary of Terms (UPDATED)
- Appendix # 3 Standards and Regulations (UPDATED)
- Appendix # 4 SK TSIN System – Patient Information (NEW)
- Appendix # 5 SK TSIN System – Training Guide (NEW)
- Appendix # 8 Bedside Transfusion Reaction Algorithm (UPDATED)
- Appendix # 9 Saskatchewan Transfusion Adverse Event Report Form (UPDATED)
- Appendix # 10 Adverse Reaction Workup Categories and Testing Protocols – Job Aid for Transfusion Medicine Laboratory (UPDATED)
- Appendix # 12A Saskatchewan Guide for Reporting Adverse Transfusion Events (NEW)
- Appendix # 12B Reporting Adverse Reactions to Appropriate Authorities – Job Aid for TML (UPDATED)
- Appendix # 14 Blood Error or Accident Investigation Preliminary Report Form (FRM-0337) (UPDATED)

To ensure the Saskatchewan Transfusion Resource Manual remains current, there is continuous work with updating and new document development. Please refer to the [SaskBlood](#) website for the most current versions of documents in effect.

If you require any assistance with manual updates or change requests, please contact one of the following persons:

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Thank you for your contributions to transfusion safety!