



Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: NSHA, St. Anne's Community Centre and Physicians, Health Service Managers, Nurse Educators

From: Program of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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Subject: **Irradiated Blood Component Administration**

Effective 2020-09-15 the **Irradiated Blood Component Administration policy** will implemented.

In May 2018, the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products (NAC) released Recommendations for the Use of Irradiated Blood Components in Canada.

Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) will be implementing an Irradiated Blood Component Policy (CL-BP-010) based on the NAC recommendations. This policy outlines specific indications for which patients should be receiving irradiated components and which should not.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer LeFrense (Manager, Nova Scotia Provincial Blood Coordinating Team) at 902-487-0504 or jennifer.lefrense@nshealth.ca