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Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: Nova Scotia Healthcare Providers and Health Service Directors

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Subject: Tube change for platelet aggregation, platelet function testing and citrated platelet counts

Blood collection tubes originally used for **platelet aggregation, platelet function testing** and **citrated platelet counts** were manufactured using glass. These glass sodium citrate tubes are no longer being manufactured so the following plastic sodium citrate tube has been validated for these assays:

- BD Vacutainer® Plastic Citrate Tubes #363083 – 2.7 mL

The current supply of glass tubes expires the end of March 2022 so the change to using the plastic citrate tubes will take effect on March 28, 2022.

If there are any questions regarding this change please contact Randy Veinotte at randy.veinotte@nshealth.ca or 902-473-6678.