

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: Central Zone Healthcare Providers and Health Service Directors

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Subject: Changes to Type and Screen for inpatients

Effective June 13, 2022 a type and screen for **inpatients** will be valid for 21 days as long as the patient has not been transfused platelets/red cells or has been pregnant in the last 3 months. If the inpatient receives a transfusion within the 21 days the type and screen will only be valid for 96 hours from time of transfusion.

This change will improve patient care with the reduction of the number of collections a patient requires who may need transfusion during their admission and subsequently resulting in a cost savings associated with testing these samples.

Outpatient samples for type and screen will remain valid for 96 hours and pre-admission type and screen samples will remain valid for 44 days (42+ 2 days post surgery)

Please direct any questions or concerns to Natalie Chisholm, Technical Manager Transfusion Medicine
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