



Capital Health

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE
Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

MEMORANDUM

To: CDHA Medical Staff, CDHA Health Service Managers, CDHA Nurse Educators

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Date: March 19, 2012

RE: **STARCH VOLUME EXPANDERS NOTIFICATION**
- CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE -

PLEASE ENSURE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO THE APPROPRIATE STAFF IN YOUR AREAS.

Effective April 1, 2012, the storage and distribution of starch volume expanders will no longer be handled through Blood Transfusion Service; the distribution of the starch volume expanders will be handled by Materials Management. The ordering procedure will be the same as other bulk injectable solutions from Materials Management.

Each nursing unit/operating room is encouraged to order by the case **and** by the bag in order to minimize product wastage.

Please advise staff to continue with current ordering practices with Blood Transfusion Service until March 31st. The Blood Transfusion Service and Materials Management representatives are collaborating to relocate stock within Blood Transfusion Service to the appropriate location following April 1st.

The SAP product number for Voluven® is listed below:

SAP Material #	DESCRIPTION	BASE UNIT	CASE QTY	PDDP#
171000	EXPANDER STARCH VOLUME VOLUVEN 250 ML	EACH	30 EACH/CASE	02278057IST
171001	EXPANDER STARCH VOLUME VOLUVEN 500 ML	EACH	20 EACH/CASE	02278057ING

Nuclear medicine departments have expressed a continued interest in Pentaspan®. The SAP number for Pentaspan® is listed below, but please note that the manufacturer, Bristol Myers Squibb expects to discontinue by 2014:

SAP Material #	DESCRIPTION	BASE UNIT	CASE QTY	PDDP#
172375	EXPANDER STARCH VOLUME PENTASPAN 500 ML	EACH	10 EACH/CASE	00887110M87

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward to optimize the use of blood and blood products and continue to enhance quality patient care. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Irene Sadek, BTS Medical Director, @ 473-8471 or via email, irene.sadek@cdha.nshealth.ca, or Joan MacLeod, BTS Technical Manager, @ 473-8260 or via email, joan.macleod@cdha.nshealth.ca.