

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: Central Zone Healthcare Providers and Health Service Directors

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Subject: Unique identifier for samples collected outside Central Zone for Transfusion

Effective September 20, 2021, with the implementation of the Provincial Venipuncture Policy and Procedure, Central Zone Transfusion Medicine will be able to accept transfusion samples collected in other zones.

Samples referred to Central Zone will not have the medical record number as a unique identifier. The two required unique identifiers will be: name and date of birth as one identifier and Health card number is preferred as a second identifier. A list of all other acceptable unique identifier can be found [here](#) excluding the medical record number.

The unique identifiers will be clearly identified on the Transfusion Tag at time of transfusion.

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