

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: NSHA Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program

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Subject: HLA Typing on BMT Recipients

As per the April 8, 2016 meeting with the Atlantic Bone Marrow Transplant program, the HLA laboratory will now be performing HLA-DP typing and High Resolution HLA typing for all BMT recipients regardless of whether they have potential sibling donors. Providing High Resolution typing up front will allow the program to initiate an unrelated search without delay for those recipients who do not have a match within the family.

In order to streamline the testing process and allow the typing results to be reported in a timely manner, the recipient will need to have their initial and verification samples (2 separate samples) collected and sent to the lab for testing **within one week of each other**. (Please note: the initial and verification samples can be collected on the same day, however, they must be separate blood draws).

If you have further questions, please contact Dr. Liwski at 902-473-1429 or Kelly Heinstein at 902-473-2948.