

DATE:	10 November 2025
TO:	Provincial: All Clinical Staff, Physicians, Nurses, and Healthcare Practitioners
FROM:	APL Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine Provincial Program
RE:	Changes to Blood Component and Blood Product Transfusion Tags

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Key Message

- There will be changes to the transfusion tags attached to blood components and blood products, regarding Transfusion Service Identification Number (TSIN) information and truncated names.

Background

- **TSIN Information:**
 TSIN information will only appear on transfusion tags for red blood cells (RBC) and granulocytes, but not for plasma or platelets. The TSIN appearing on transfusion tags on other blood products has been a source of confusion and is not required for transfusion.
- **Truncated Names:**
 In the Connect Care Transfusion Medicine software (WellSky), the character limits for names for transfusion tags is 25 for Last Name and 20 for First Name. These differ from the character limits in Epic. For patients with long names, there will be ++ signs added to the end of the 'Name' fields on the transfusion tag. The full name will be added by Transfusion Medicine staff in the 'Comments' section of the transfusion tag. Confirm full name when performing clerical checks. Please see the image below.



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Questions/Concerns

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