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| DATE: | 16 March 2026 |
| TO: | Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Midwives and Nursing Staff, All Zones |
| FROM: | Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine Program (TTM) |
| RE: | New Label for Blood Bank Additional Specimen [LAB5322] |

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Key Message



- The Provincial Transfusion Medicine (TM) is implementing a new Epic Specimen ID label specifically for the Blood Bank Additional Specimen [LAB5322] orders.

Background

- The Additional Sample for TM Testing is a standalone order for the purpose of obtaining an additional specimen to allow completion of Transfusion Medicine testing.
- The new label format is presented in a manner to quickly identify that all the required collection and identification steps have been properly performed.
 - The Transfusion Service Identification Number (TSIN), the identifier name, and a 2D barcode will now appear on the label.

How this will impact you

- There are no updates or changes to existing collection, labelling, or receiving workflows. The label will look slightly different than other lab specimen labels.

| Non-Navigator Collection (2 lines) | Navigator Collection (1 line) |
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| <p>pMRN:1000354017 ULI:U BUSH, TIGER M 30/12/1975 UAH 5E3 PULM 26FH005T0002.1  BBLT Blood Blood TSIN:150159 ID by:Bruce L 05/Jan/2026 10:34 LAVENDER EDTA</p> | <p>pMRN:1500454259 ULI:U BANFF, JASPER M 31/10/1987 M RDHC ICU 26RD062T0001.1  BBLT Blood Blood TSIN 123456 ID by Bruce L 03/Mar/2026 08:48 LAVENDER EDTA</p> |

Action Required

- Ensure your staff are aware of the new label template.

Effective April 2, 2026

Questions/Concerns

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