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Blood Services Update: Blood Bag Shortage and Expedited Conversion

Due to the unprecedented nationwide shortage of bag sets for the collection and processing of whole blood, SBMF is taking immediate action to ensure uninterrupted collection and distribution of blood products. Without such action we will risk exhausting our inventory of blood bags in the very near future. Since every blood center is under the same supply constraints, there is no opportunity to obtain additional bags from another source.

To ensure that we can continue operations, Fresenius Kabi (manufacturer of our current bag) obtained an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from FDA for a bag manufactured and in use in Europe. We have purchased and are currently validating this bag (CompoSelect).

Hospitals should prepare to receive products in these bags from SBMF as early as January 23rd. This bag will be used for red blood cells and plasma components.



What is not changing

- All product codes will remain the same
- There are no changes to the additive solutions
- Product volume will remain the same

A quick reference guide regarding the new bags will follow this notice. We appreciate your understanding and will keep you informed of any additional changes. If you have further questions, please contact your Account Executive: Laura Lehman, 574-309-2591 or Meghan Berkheiser, 574-286-0287.

Questions: Please contact **CLIENT SUPPORT** at **574-236-7263**

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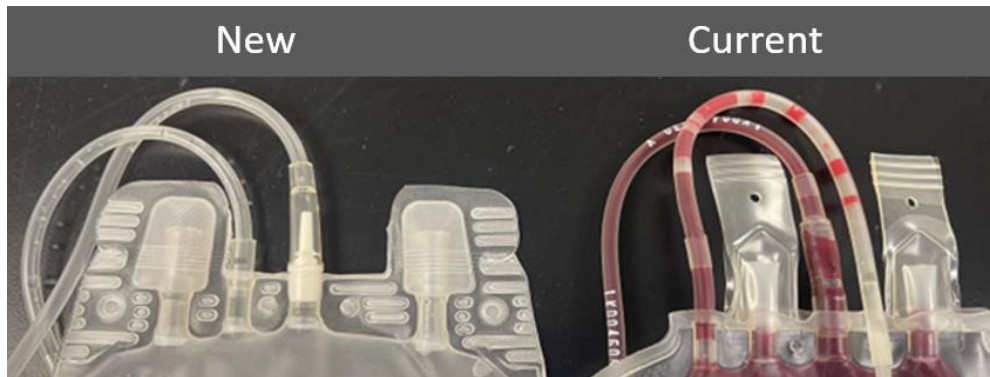
Why change?

An alternative/additional bag set is needed for whole blood collection due to a national blood bag shortage.


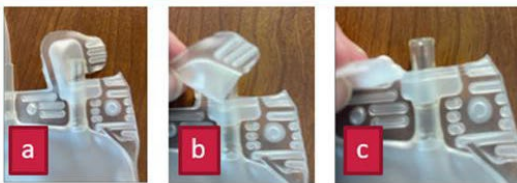
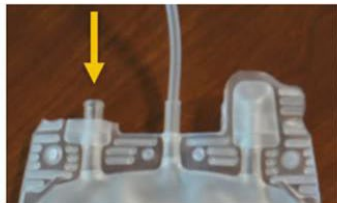


Impact for Nursing:

- Slightly larger plasma bag
- The bag feels different because it is DEHP-free (surface feels rougher)
- Different way of accessing the port for spiking bag



How to access the port:

1. Find the slit in the port 
2. Grasp cap, twist and pull off. 
3. Insert tubing to spike bag 
4. Spiked bag 