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Release of Revised Circulars of Information for Pooled Platelets Psoralen Treated, Apheresis Platelets Psoralen Treated and Apheresis Platelets PAS Added

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Dear Colleagues:

Canadian Blood Services will be updating the Circulars of Information (COI) for Pooled Platelets Psoralen Treated, Apheresis Platelets Psoralen Treated and Apheresis Platelet PAS Added in March 2024. The final platelet storage containers for these components have not been validated by the manufacturers for withstanding centrifugal force. Therefore, platelets should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed) unless transferred to a bag suitable for centrifugation.

Circular	Storage and handling section	
	Previous Version	March 2024 Version
Pooled Platelets Psoralen Treated	Pooled Platelets Psoralen Treated should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed).	Pooled Platelets Psoralen Treated should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed) unless transferred to a bag suitable for centrifugation.
Apheresis Platelets Psoralen Treated	Apheresis Platelets Psoralen Treated should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed).	Apheresis Platelets Psoralen Treated should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed) unless transferred to a bag suitable for centrifugation
Apheresis Platelets PAS Added	Apheresis Platelets PAS Added should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed).	Apheresis Platelets PAS Added should not be volume reduced (centrifuged and supernatant removed) unless transferred to a bag suitable for centrifugation.

Posting for the updated COIs is expected to be March 18, 2024. Current COIs can be found at [Canadian Blood Services circular of Information.](#)

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Sincerely,

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