



URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES
From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee*
Subject: AMBER PHASE ADVISORY

National Inventory SHORTAGE Advisory

Date and time of issue	2019-05-08 09:00 (EDT)
Inventory Availability Phase	AMBER PHASE
Product(s)	Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin (SCIg)
Description	<p>Due to an unprecedented increase in SCIg utilization (50% increase over the last few months), Canadian Blood Services is currently experiencing short supply of SCIg, especially larger vial sizes. If the current demand continues, we anticipate critically low levels of SCIg will be experienced by mid-June. Canadian Blood Services is in active dialogue with suppliers regarding opportunities to obtain additional inventory to ensure patient safety/meet critical need, but availability of this product is limited globally. As a result, it is expected that supply restrictions will be necessary until additional inventory can be obtained. Takeda has advised that increased Cuvitru® inventory will be available in the fall.</p> <p>Additional information will be further detailed in a Customer Letter from Canadian Blood Services.</p>
Impact on hospitals	<p>To prevent the current situation from escalating into a critical shortage and to ensure uninterrupted supply to patients currently receiving SCIg, the NEBMC encourages health care providers to prepare to take appropriate actions to reduce SCIg demand. A physician and patient working group will be meeting in the next few days to develop recommendations on how to address SCIg demand. Recommendations will be shared once developed.</p> <p>Note that, due to limited current availability of larger Cuvitru® vial sizes, many patients will be required to receive smaller volume vials.</p>
For more information	<p>For additional info, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services 2. Your representative to the National Advisory Committee on Blood & Blood Products 3. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee 4. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee

*The National Emergency Blood Management Committee is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products, Provincial Territorial Blood Liaison representatives and key Canadian Blood Services personnel. This group will develop recommendations and provide advice to the P/T Ministries of Health, hospitals and regional health authorities, and Canadian Blood Services to support a consistent and coordinated response to critical blood shortages in Canada.

For information about the National Blood Shortages Plan, please see: <https://www.nacblood.ca/resources/shortages-plan/index.html>

If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.