



URGENT: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

To: ALL HOSPITAL SITES
From: National Emergency Blood Management Committee (NEBMC)*
Subject: GREEN PHASE

National Inventory Shortage Discontinued

Date and time of issue	2019-08-26 09:00 (EDT)
Inventory Availability Phase	GREEN PHASE
Product(s)	Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin (SCIg)
Description	<p>Canadian Blood Services SCIg inventories have recovered to levels that allow for the discontinuation of the SCIg shortage, and a transition from Recovery Phase into Green Phase. A return to Green Phase means that SCIg stock is replete and product can be ordered for any patient with an appropriate clinical indication, as determined by their treating physician.</p> <p>We would like to thank patients and clinical staff in hospitals and clinics for their assistance and patience during this time and regret any inconveniences caused as a result of the SCIg shortage.</p>
Impact on hospitals	<p>Hospitals/clinics can notify SCIg prescribers that they can now initiate SCIg therapy for new patients, as SCIg product is available in adequate supply. Canadian Blood Services is also looking at long term supplies of SCIg going forward, which includes the possibility of adding more suppliers.</p> <p>IVIg update: Recently there have been concerns around the limited availability of certain Gammagard Liquid vial sizes. The Customer Letter #2019-14 includes further details in this regard. Canadian Blood Services continues to be in communication with manufacturers regarding anticipated product deliveries and is frequently reviewing and addressing any inventory fluctuations in vial sizes of all IVIg brands. There continues to be no overall shortage of IVIg in Canada. A supply update will be provided in a Canadian Blood Services customer letter as soon as it is available.</p>
For more information	<p>For additional information please contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your Hospital Liaison Specialist, Canadian Blood Services 2. Your representative to the Provincial Emergency Blood Management Committee 3. Your representative to your Hospital Emergency Blood Management Committee

**The NEBMC is comprised of the National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products (NAC), 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>*

A copy of this advisory will be posted on Canadian Blood Services' website: <https://blood.ca/en/hospital-services/customer-service/communications/inventory-advisories>. If you require this advisory in an accessible format, please contact your local Canadian Blood Services Hospital Liaison Specialist.