

Full Face Labelling, 2D Data Matrix and ISBT128

Update Nov 2017

Transition Label



Transition labels will continue to have current linear 1D barcodes.

Minus the short DIN

Data Matrix containing component information.

Component description

Major clinical warning/advice

Linear barcodes for:

Expiry date

Component code

CMV when applicable

G091 303 100 222 C





168 mL

FRESH FROZEN PLASMA LD

Always check patient/component/ compatibility identity. This component must not be used if there are visible signs of deterioration.

Do not vent. This component must be administered through a transfusion set incorprating a 170 to 200µl filter. Risk of infection including vCJD. This component was collected into 67mL of CPD anticoagulent. Contains phthalate (DEHP)

ABO barcode

EXPIRY DATE (do not use after) 12 October 2017 TIME 23:59



Rh D POSITIVE

Expiry date/time

Group/Rh

Use within 24 hours if held at 4°C
Use within 4 hours if held at 20 – 24°C
Date and Time Thawed:

____ / ____ : ___ : ____ : ___ : ____ : ___ : ____ : ___

Date bled : 11 October 2017 NHSBT Training 2 (T1)



[REF] 2MALQT6283LB



LOT 11172505BM

Quick Response (QR) code

When scanned using a smart phone will take users to the UKBTS Guideline specification for each blood component.



Transition LabelChanges from April 2018

The positioning of barcodes on the label

Removal of the short DIN label (used by NHSBT for concatenation)

The additional 2D data matrix

Old and new labels will be in circulation from April to July.

Longer for frozen components due to shelf life.



Example Labels (available on H&S website)

0054 RBC

0451 Platelet Aph

LF15 FFP

L531 Cryo

0Y51 Whole Blood





2D Data Matrix

Transition labels will contain the 2D data matrix

Hospitals DO NOT have to have the ability to read these immediately but will for the final state label.

They are included to show how the final state label will appear, provide significant lead in period and allow hospitals that can currently read 2D to benefit from the matrix.



Future Final State Labels

Move from Codabar to ISBT128 component codes. Mapping data available on H&S website

The JPAC endorsed SACIT (Standing Advisory Committee Information Technology) recommendations that final state label requiring the ability to read 2D data matrix and all barcodes to be moved from codabar to ISBT128 had an aspiration go live date of Feb 2019.

This will now be delayed to a date to be confirmed, to ensure a successful implementation with customers. The technical specification is currently being updated through SACIT and we will update and circulate as soon as available.