



MEMO

TO: BLOOD BANK SUPERVISOR and LAB DIRECTOR

FROM: CHIP RUBLE, Hospital Services Director

SUBJECT: UPDATE: ISBT-128 Implementation Update

DATE: 9/8/2008

Blood Bank Supervisor and Lab Director:

The Kentucky Blood Center is continuing to work diligently to implement ISBT-128 labeling requirements. Due to the extent and complexity of the project, we have decided to delay our implementation to a more realistic date and we will provide you with at least 30 days notice to our actual implementation.

Please complete the attached **survey** to let KBC know where you are in your implementation process. You can return the survey to KBC Hospital Services at fax number 859-277-3005.

The delay will not affect our services or your ability to receive and release blood and blood components. **We will continue to label and ship blood products produced at KBC with CODABAR labels during this time.** All ISBT-128 ready systems should be able to read Codabar as well as ISBT-128, and should accept these units.

Occasionally the blood center will import components from other facilities that have already implemented the ISBT-128 labeling system. Prior to distributing these units to you, they are thoroughly inspected and a manila tag is attached to provide you with a KBC Codabar **UNIT NUMBER**, Codabar **COMPONENT CODE**, and Codabar **ABO/Rh**. You may need to manually enter the EXPIRATION DATE from the eye-readable information on the ISBT-128 label.

If your facility receives an imported ISBT-128 labeled unit please take care to use only the KBC Codabar UNIT NUMBER when scanning information into your inventory or reporting transfusion and/or inventory information to KBC. We ask all of our service area hospitals to work with us during the transition to ISBT-128

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labels and to please accept imported ISBT-128 labeled units from KBC with the knowledge that they may require some manual entry.

Our website <http://www.kybloodcenter.org/hospitals.php> contains information about how to get ready for ISBT-128. You can also find links from our web site to official sites for the AABB and ICCBBA. Each of these organizations provides resources on their web sites regarding ISBT-128 implementation.

Additional updates and other information about ISBT-128 will continue to be posted in our website. If you have questions on this issue please contact the blood center's ISBT-128 Project Leaders below via e-mail or phone.

ISBT-128 Project Leaders:

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If I can be of any assistance please contact me directly at (859) 519-3766.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Honaker", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



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PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX TO KBC HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPT.

FAX: 859- 277- 3005

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHIP RUBLE 859-519-3766

Hospital Name _____

Are you ready now for ISBT-128 Label implementation? YES NO

If not, when do you plan to be prepared for ISBT-128 Label implementation? _____
(date)

What materials or job aids do you ask the blood center to provide to help you during implementation?

What software are you using to manage blood products?

Who is our main contact for technical questions regarding your blood management software?

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____