



CLIENT NOTICE

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GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF BLOOD COLLECTION TUBES & SUPPLIES

As you know from our first [Client Services Notification #2021-30](#) there is a global shortage of blood and specimen collection tubes, containers, and supplies that is continually worsening.

As you know, the pandemic has impacted global supply chains in all industries and we have been advised by our supplier Bectin Dickinson (BD) that following phlebotomy tubes/supplies are currently in short supply:

- BD LAVENDER TUBE 13x75, 4.0ML HEMOGARD, PLASTIC, (BD item #367861)
- BD SST TUBE 13x100, 5 0ML HEMOGARD PLASTIC (BD item #367986)
- BD LT. BLUE COAG TUBE 13x100, 2.7ML HEMOGARD PLASTIC (BD item #363048)
- TOURNIQUETS – NON-LATEX, DISPOSABLE

The current inventory is meeting the provincial demand for these supplies, and we ask your cooperation to help us maintain sufficient inventory for everyone so we can continue to serve you and your patients moving forward. Alpha Laboratories will need to scrutinize system-wide requests for inventory supplies.

We need your help to optimize the use of all critical supplies and discarding supplies to outdated must be kept to an absolute minimum.

Alpha plays an important primary care diagnostic role in the Ontario health care system and our operational sustainability must be preserved to continue to support each of our clients and their patients in the communities we serve. To that end, Alpha Labs may need to triage supply order requests based on a Client's historical testing volumes.

If you have any specimen collection supplies outdated/expiring in 30 days or less and you probably won't use them, please send them back as soon as possible to Alpha labs and label these supplies as **"INVENTORY SHARING"**. These supplies will be sent to high patient volume collection centres to be used before the expiry date.

Thanks very much for your help and cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Alpha.

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