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URGENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Member Hospitals

FROM: Kim VanAntwerpen
Vice President, Technical Operations

DATE: March 28, 2008

RE: ISBT 128 implementation

Oklahoma Blood Institute's implementation of ISBT 128 will be extended to September 1, 2008, due to a variance to the requirements of Blood Bank and Transfusion Services Standard 5.1.6.3.1 (1) granted by the AABB Standards Committee for the time period May 1, 2008 until August 31, 2008.

OBI made application for a variance based on an increased number of test cases and validations we must conduct that will provide operational qualification for the ISBT system.

What does this mean to you?

Hospitals need to apply for a variance only if they re-label blood components and are AABB accredited. (Request for variance forms can be found on the AABB website) If your facility does not re-label, the extension only means you will continue to receive our current labels until September 1, 2008.

We continue to place information on the ISBT portal on the OBI website devoted to ISBT issues (<http://www.obi.org/isbt128/isbt128.html>), including sample full-face ABO Rh labels, a table with product codes, sample DINs and other pertinent information such as links to ICCBBA and AABB websites. *A full set of transition labels will be available on or before April 21st, 2008.*

Please note OBI's primary ICCBBA FIN code is W0910. However, we plan to also use W0911 in the future. We encourage you to build both codes into your database now so when we begin shipping products under both numbers, you will be able to receive them seamlessly.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause you and your staff. Please contact Patti Barker, Manager of Hospital Relations, at 405.313.9578 or pbarker@obi.org should you have questions or concerns. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in this endeavor.