



MEMORANDUM from TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

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TO: Physicians, Residents, Clinical Managers and Educators at HHS and SJHH

CC: Transfusion Medicine Laboratory Staff

FROM: Dr M Zeller, Allahna Elahie

RE: **Mandated Immune Globulin Screening Pilot (IGSP) Transition by MOHLTC**

Effective January 31st 2017, the MOHLTC will end the Immune Globulin Screening Pilot (IGSP) for Neurology indications.

Effective February 1st 2017, there will be 2 new forms of which you must be aware and use:

1. IVIG Request Form for Non-Neurology Indications
2. IG (IVIG and SCIG) Request Form for Neurology Indications

Both forms will be made available on the *HHS Order Set* site and on *MyStJoes* site. They are available for clinical staff to use, and have Transfusion Medicine fax numbers for our five sites at the bottom.

When a request for Immune Globulin (IVIG Non-Neurology; IVIG or SCIG Neurology) is received in Transfusion Medicine, we will process the requests by verifying the dose (use of the dose calculator). If necessary, we will consult with the ordering physician to reduce/change dose to reflect guidelines, and/or to adjust dose to ensure minimum effective dose is being applied. Ministry of Health approvals will not be required to issue product from Transfusion Medicine, however, requests for product outside of current published Utilization Management Guidelines may require additional documentation or may not be approved (Guidelines are available at <http://transfusionontario.org/en/>).

Please contact us if you have any questions.
Thank you,

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