# TECHNICAL SERVICES BULLETIN

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## **NEW BLOOD BAG TRANSFUSION PORT**

Yesterday The Blood Connection started collections in a new blood bag (in some locations). We anticipate that we will deplete our stock of the previous blood bag over the next two weeks and will be collecting in the new bag by mid-November. A summary of the changes is provided below, along with a picture of the bag/ports.

This transition was unanticipated and we regret and apologize for the inconvenience.

#### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES:**

- The RBCs will have a 35 day expiration (until 42 day is approved by FDA).
- The product codes will not change
- The ports will have peel tabs



