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RE: Updated Circular of Information for the Use of Human Blood and Blood Components (COI)

The Circular of Information for the Use of Human Blood and Blood Components (COI) provides important information about transfusion, including but not limited to:

- General information on product preparation, storage, and testing.
- Contraindications and indications for blood product use.
- Hazards and adverse reactions of blood transfusion.
- An overview of specific blood components with detailed information for prescribing and administering blood products.

Blood establishments manufacturing blood products use the Circular as an extension of product labeling.

The COI must be available for review by prescribing physicians and staff anywhere blood is issued and transfused. The FDA and federal regulations requires the UCM Blood Bank to distribute a hard copy of the COI, in addition to an electronic version. This distribution must occur on a yearly basis or whenever a change is made to the Circular, or upon request from customers.

A hard copy of the COI will be:

- Available in a display at the UCM Blood Bank pick-up window (CCD 2nd floor East, CCD 2730)
- Sent to the UCM Transfusion Safety Specialist
- Sent to off-site transfusion areas (e.g. Orland Park)
- Available upon request

Electronic access to the COI can be found on the UCM Lab Handbook here:

<https://uchicagomedlabs.testcatalog.org/catalogs/367/files/8498>

For questions or to request a COI hard copy to your location, please contact:

Gunta Musa, Manager, at 773-702-1438, or

Geoffrey Wool, MD PhD, Medical Director, at 773-926-1455.

References

1. United States Code of Federal Regulations. 21 CFR 606.122
2. FDA Guidance. "An Acceptable Circular of Information for the Use of Human Blood and Blood Components Guidance for Industry". MARCH 2022. <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/acceptable-circular-information-use-human-blood-and-blood-components>
3. AABB. <https://www.aabb.org/news-resources/resources/circular-of-information?msclkid=3a90969cd0aa11eca561a71402f12ca6>