

DISPOSAL OF HEPATITIS B SURFACE ANTIGEN AND HUMAN IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) ANTIBODY POSITIVE UNITS OF BLOOD

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One of the grave hazards of blood transfusion is the transmission of Hepatitis B virus and Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection to the recipient. For this reason, laboratory testing for Hepatitis B Surface Antigen and HIV Antibody have been required in the screening of blood for transfusion with the full implementation of the Technical Standards issued pursuant to the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Collection, Processing of Blood and Operation and Maintenance of Blood Banks (A.O. #57, s. 1989).

It is the policy of the Department of Health that units of blood found to be positive for the above infectious agents/tests should be withdrawn from the blood supply.

Therefore, when a unit of blood or blood product is found to be reactive to screening for Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) or HIV antibody, this shall be reported to the nearest DOH Regional Health Laboratory in the Region or to the Bureau of Research and Laboratories in Metro Manila.

An authorized representative of the designated Regional Health Laboratory shall collect the infected unit of blood to withdraw them from the blood supply. The list of Regional Laboratories designated to collect is attached.

The Blood Bank (hospital-based or free standing) which supplied the positive unit of blood/blood product shall replace the unit returned by the hospital without additional charge to the patients.

Please be guided accordingly.

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Authorized and Designated Collecting Agencies

Region I

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locos Regional Hospital
Laboratory
San Fernando, La Union

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Baguio General Hospital
& Medical Center Laboratory
Baguio City

Region II

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Cagayan Valley Regional
Hospital Laboratory
Tuguegarao, Cagayan

Region III

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Central Luzon Regional
Hospital Laboratory
San Fernando, Pampanga

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Paulino J. Garcia Memorial
Medical Center Laboratory
Cabanatuan City

Region IV

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Quirino Memorial Medical
Center Laboratory
Project 4, Quezon City

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Batangas Regional Hospital
Laboratory, Batangas City

Region V

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Albay Provincial Hospital
Laboratory Legaspi City

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Bicol Regional Hospital
Laboratory, Naga City

Region VI

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Western Visayas Medical
Center Laboratory, Iloilo City

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Corazon L. Montelibano
Memorial Hospital
Laboratory, Bacolod City

Region VII

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Southern Islands Medical
Center Laboratory, Cebu City

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Gov. Celestino Gallares
Memorial Hospital Laboratory

Region VIII

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Tacloban City Medical

Center Laboratory
Tacloban City

Region IX

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Zamboanga Regional
Hospital Laboratory
Zamboanga City
Tel. No. 3986

Region X

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Northern Mindanao Regional
and Training Hospital
Laboratory
Cagayan De Oro City

Region XI

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Davao Medical Center
Laboratory, Davao City

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Davao Regional Hospital
Laboratory
Tagum, Davao del Norte

Region XII

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Cotabato Regional Hospital
Laboratory, Cotabato City

NCR

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Bureau of Research & Laboratories
San Lazaro Compound,
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