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URGENT MEMORANDUM

TO: OBI Testing Clients
FROM: Sherry Pattee, Testing Lab Director
DATE: April 2, 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?

For you, our Testing Laboratory Customers, since OBI DIN barcodes will be available for labeling of samples for testing only and **NOT** to be placed on any Donor Blood Products, then the following actions below can be taken before September 1, 2008:

- Use OBI's ISBT DIN barcodes to label only samples to send to us for testing and set up a different system for labeling products.
- Use your own codabar or ISBT barcodes to label the blood products and samples which are sent directly to OBI for testing. *If you do use your own codabar or ISBT barcodes, you must send 5 different number sets of barcodes to OBI for us to test on our instrumentation to make sure the barcodes are approved before use.*
- You can use our vendor (information below) who can provide codabar barcodes to you until your facility can come up onto ISBT barcodes for your products and samples.

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The best action to take is to go through ICCBBA to receive your own facility code and use your own ISBT barcodes to label blood products and samples. Again, when you receive your own ISBT barcodes, please make sure to send us 5 different number set of the barcodes so that we can validate them on our instrumentation. Also allow 2-4 weeks for our validation process.

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.***

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause you and your staff. Please contact Sherry Pattee, Testing Lab Director, at 405.297.5702 or spattee@obi.org should you have questions or concerns. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in this endeavor.