



MEMO

TO: Blood Bank Supervisor and Lab Director

FROM: CHIP RUBLE, Hospital Services Director

SUBJECT: UPDATE: ISBT-128 Implementation Update

DATE: 3/24/2008

As you know from our previous communication, the AABB has set May 1, 2008 as the implementation date for ISBT-128.

The Kentucky Blood Center has worked diligently in trying to meet this deadline, but due to the extent and complexity of the project, we will delay our implementation of ISBT-128 until early September 2008. This delay will not affect our services or your ability to receive and release blood and blood components. **We will continue to ship blood products with CODABAR labels during this time.** All ISBT-128 ready systems should be able to read CODABAR as well as ISBT-128.

If you are an AABB accredited hospital, the AABB requires your hospital to be ready by the May 1, 2008 deadline, even if the blood center is not ready. If your system will not be ready by May 1, 2008, you may request a variance from the AABB. Please contact Debra Bowman, QA Director at KBC if you need information on how to file the variance.

Our website <http://www.ckbc.org/hospitals.php> contains information about how to get ready for ISBT-128. In particular, the KABB Presentation found on our web site under ISBT-128 Info contains information on "**How Do Hospitals Get Ready**". This is an excellent resource. You can also find links from our web site to official sites for the AABB and ICCBBA. Each of these organizations provides resources on their web sites regarding ISBT-128 implementation.

Updates and other information about ISBT-128 will continue to be posted in our website. We will provide you with "job aids" for training your staff as our implementation date approaches.

ISBT-128 UPDATE

If you have questions on this issue please contact the blood center's ISBT-128 Project Leaders below via e-mail or phone.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chip Ruble", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chip Ruble, Hospital Services Director