

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Hospital Transfusion Committee Chairs**  
**PLEASE CIRCULATE AS REQUIRED**

Dear Colleagues

**Re: ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 4 - 50mL presentation to be retired when the current batch expires on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 unless inventory is run-out before this date**

As part of the change to New Zealand's plasma products portfolio (<https://www.nzblood.co.nz/assets/1111074-Poster-HCP-on-Process-Migration.pdf>), the 50mL presentation of ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 4 (human albumin 4%) will no longer be manufactured for New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) by CSL Behring. Production of ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 4 - 50mL ceased in April 2022 and the current batch of product expires on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> will be replaced by ALBUREX<sup>®</sup> NZ – What to expect and timelines**

In the second half of 2024:

- ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 4 500mL will be discontinued and replaced by ALBUREX<sup>®</sup> 5 NZ 500mL.
- ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 20 100mL will be replaced by ALBUREX<sup>®</sup> 20 NZ 100mL.

*Note: only one presentation of each ALBUREX<sup>®</sup> NZ product will be available*

The timing of these changes will be dependent on the inventory run out of our current ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> products. NZBS will advise of anticipated change over dates as the need to transition products draws closer.

The Transfusion Nurse Specialist team will be providing further information closer to the transition.

**ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 20 10mL**

ALBUMEX<sup>®</sup> 20 10mL will be retired when the current batch expires on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Please direct any queries to [plasmaproductschange@nzblood.co.nz](mailto:plasmaproductschange@nzblood.co.nz)

Thank you for your support in ensuring a safe and effective move to these transitioned products.

Yours faithfully



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