

8th April 2024

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

Dear Colleagues

Re: ALBUMEX[®] 4 - 50mL presentation to be retired when the current batch expires on the 25th 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[®] 4 (human albumin 4%) will no longer be manufactured for New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) by CSL Behring. Production of ALBUMEX[®] 4 - 50mL ceased in April 2022 and the current batch of product expires on the 25th April 2024.

ALBUMEX[®] will be replaced by ALBUREX[®] NZ – What to expect and timelines

In the second half of 2024:

- ALBUMEX[®] 4 500mL will be discontinued and replaced by ALBUREX[®] 5 NZ 500mL.
- ALBUMEX[®] 20 100mL will be replaced by ALBUREX[®] 20 NZ 100mL.

Note: only one presentation of each ALBUREX[®] NZ product will be available

The timing of these changes will be dependent on the inventory run out of our current ALBUMEX[®] 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[®] 20 10mL

ALBUMEX[®] 20 10mL will be retired when the current batch expires on the 8th October 2025.

Please direct any queries to 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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