



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** January 31, 2019  
**Re:** Validation of collection bag

While we were validating a new collection bag that we plan to introduce immediately, we saw that the bags do not have a segment attached for sterile connection.

We will make every effort to avoid providing units collected in these bags for pediatric orders. If your facility receives one of these bags without a segment for sterile connection and cannot use it, please notify Distribution staff so arrangements can be made to return the unit.

This issue will be resolved with the final release of the bag anticipated in 2020.