



## State Blood Transfusion Council (Maharashtra)

Ravindra Annex, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dinshaw Vacchha Road, 194, Churchgate Reclamation, Mumbai - 400020

Tel : 022-2283 0216 / 3577 6271 E-mail : -sbtc@mahasbtc.com Website : www.mahasbtc.org



RAKTDAAN  
KAR KE DEKHO ACHHA LAGTA HAI

No. SBTC /Admin/Desk 4/ File no. 18/1295 / 2023

Date: 14.09.2023

To,  
**The Blood Centre Incharge**  
**(All)**

**Sub: Bulk transfer of surplus blood and blood components from one blood centre to another blood centre – Interstate and Intrastate.**

- Ref:**(1) Letter no. S-12015/04/2015-NBTC dt. 28.10.2015. from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi  
(2) This office letter no. 864 dt. 28.05.2021  
(3) This office letter no. 06 dt. 02.01.2023

As per the decision in the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board of the SBTC held on 25.11.2022, the instructions were issued that before Bulk transfer of surplus blood and blood components either in the State or out side State the NOC for bulk transfer should be obtained from the District Civil Surgeon or Dean Govt. Medical College and Hospital in the district.

2. After issue of the above instructions some of the blood centres represented that obtaining NOC from the District Civil Surgeon or Dean of the Govt. Medical college is taking a lot of time and thereby they may not be in a position to make bulk transfer of surplus blood and blood components to the needy blood centres. It was also apprehended that in such case the excess blood and blood components are like to be wasted due to not getting timely NOC.

3. The Governing Board in its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 11.08.2023 considered the representation and reviewed the policy framed in its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25.11.2022. After reviewed the Governing Board decided to withdraw the restrictions impose vide letter dt. 02.01.2023 (copy enclosed) for obtaining NOC from the District Civil Surgeon or

Dean of the Govt. Medical college. However, the instructions regarding observing recommended temperature, storage conditions for whole blood and components, levying processing charges as per the NBTC guidelines etc. should be strictly followed alongwith other conditions as mentioned by the Govt. of India in their letter dt. 28.10.2015 (copy enclosed) while doing bulk transfer of surplus blood by the blood centres. Blood Centres should inform regarding bulk transfer within State to SBTC and in case of inter-state bulk transfer to NBTC and SBTC as well.



**Asst. Director,  
State Blood Transfusion Council,  
Mumbai**

Copy submitted to :

- (1) The Director, Health Services and Director, SBTC, Mumbai
- (2) The Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer, Health, BMC, Mumbai
- (4) The Jt. Commissioner, FDA, HQ Mumbai / Brihanmumbai division Mumbai / Thane/  
Nashik/ Aurangabad/ Pune/Amravati/ Nagpur
- (5) All Civil Surgeon / Dean / Medical Supdt.



महाराष्ट्र राज्य रक्त संक्रमण परिषद  
State Blood Transfusion Council



## State Blood Transfusion Council (Maharashtra)

Ravindra Annex, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dinshaw Vacchha Road, 194, Churchgate Reclamation, Mumbai - 400020

Tel: 022-2283 0216 / 3577 6271 E-mail: - sbtc@mahasbtc.com Website: www.mahasbtc.org



RAKTDAAAN  
KAR KE DEKHO ACHHA LAGTA HAI

No. SBTC /Admin/Desk 4/ File no. 18/ 06 / 2022

Date: 02.1.2023

To,  
The Blood Centre Incharge  
(All)

**Sub: Bulk transfer of surplus blood and blood components from one blood centre to another blood centre – Interstate and Intrastate.**

**Ref:**(1) Letter no. S-12015/04/2015-NBTC dt. 28.10.2015. from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi  
(2) This office letter no. 864 dt. 28.05.2021

The guidelines for Bulk transfer of surplus blood and blood components from one blood centre to another blood centre – Interstate and Intrastate have been issued by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi vide letter under reference. The detail procedure and instructions have also been laid down therein.

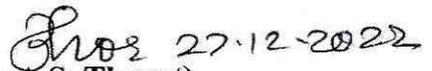
2. There have been reports about not maintaining the required temperature while transferring the surplus blood and blood components from one blood centre to another blood centre – Interstate and Intrastate. It is also reported that excess processing charges are being taken for blood and blood components while making bulk transfer from one blood centre to another blood centre especially when the bulk transfer is between interstate.

3. The issue was discussed in detail in the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board of SBTC held on 25.11.2022. To avoid wastage of blood due to excess collection and at the same time **giving priority to the need of blood in the State**, the Governing Board has approved the following guidelines for Bulk transfer of surplus blood and blood components from one blood centre to another blood centre – Interstate and Intrastate in addition to the guidelines of the Govt. of India.

- (1) The blood centres should collect the blood as per the requirement of blood centre based on average of last three months consumption and avoid excess collection to avoid wastage of the blood or bulk transfer.
- (2) Even after abundant precaution for collecting blood as per the requirement, in case of surplus blood, the licensed blood centre should first enquire about need of blood in the Govt. district hospital blood centre and adjoining Govt. district hospital

blood centre. If there is need of the blood in the Govt. district hospital blood centre, the licensed blood centre should supply the surplus blood to the Govt. District hospital blood centre free of cost as Govt. district hospitals are providing blood free of cost to the patients admitted in the hospitals.

- (3) In case blood is not required by the District Govt. hospital blood centre, a letter from the District Civil Surgeon / Dean Govt. Medical College & Hospital giving No Objection for bulk transfer either within the State to other private blood centre or interstate transfer to other blood centres would be required.
  - (4) After obtaining NOC from the District Civil Surgeon / Dean Govt. Medical College & Hospital for bulk transfer of blood and components either within the State or outside State, the blood centres may transfer the blood under intimation to NBTC / SBTC as the case may be subject to condition that the report about details of the processing charges taken from the recipient blood centre should be informed to the SBTC.
  - (5) The recipient blood centres should certify that the blood and blood components have been received in recommended temperature as per the prescribed storage conditions in usable condition and a certificate from the recipient blood centre should be submitted to the SBTC and concerned Divisional FDA. The supplier blood centre shall be responsible for all complication except for the those related to compatibility testing.
4. Other procedure and guidelines issued by the Govt. of India vide letter under reference shall remain unchanged.

  
(Dr. A.S. Thorat)  
Asst. Director,  
State Blood Transfusion Council,  
Mumbai

Copy submitted to :

- (1) The Director, Health Services and Director, SBOTC, Mumbai
- (2) The Director, Medical Education and Research, Mumbai
- (3) The Chief Executive Officer, Health, BMC, Mumbai
- (4) The Jt. Commissioner, FDA, HQ Mumbai / Brihanmumbai division Mumbai / Thane/  
Nashik/ Aurangabad/ Pune/Amravati/ Nagpur
- (5) All Civil Surgeon / Dean / Medical Supdt.



सत्यमेव जयते

एन. एस. कंग, भा.प्र.से  
अपर सचिव

**NAVREET SINGH KANG, IAS**  
Additional Secretary



भारत सरकार

स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय

राष्ट्रीय एड्स नियंत्रण संगठन

Government of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

National AIDS Control Organisation

D.O. No. S-12015/04/2015-NBTC

Dated 28 October 2015

Dear,

I am writing this to highlight an important initiative that can lead to increase in the efficiency of Blood Transfusion Service in the country, namely permitting bulk transfer of blood between licensed blood banks.

2. You would be aware that there have been reports about surplus blood being wasted in some blood banks, whereas scarcity of blood is reported in other parts of the country at the same time. To obviate this, a policy regarding promoting transfer of blood from one blood bank to another blood bank has been under consideration for some time. The subject was initially considered by a group of experts, and has been approved by the National Blood Transfusion Council in its meeting of 05.08.2015. The Health Ministry has also granted its approval to the new initiative.

3. Bulk transfer of blood and blood components amongst licensed blood banks in the country would henceforth be allowed under the following conditions.

- I. Transfers shall be allowed between licensed blood banks in any sector (Public, NGO, and Private).
- II. Transfer of blood and components in bulk shall be permitted across State borders to also ensure the availability at the point of need.
- III. All transfers shall be done at the recommended temperature and as per prescribed storage conditions for whole blood and components. The supplier blood bank shall be responsible for compliance thereof.
- IV. The recipient blood bank should have the capacity to hold the units requested for, at appropriate temperature till the time of utilization.
- V. Broad based donor consent should be incorporated in the standard donor form to ensure that the donor agrees to his blood unit being utilized beyond the blood bank where it is donated.
- VI. The supplier blood bank can levy the prescribed processing charges on the patient/recipient/recipient blood bank as per NBTC norms. However, the recipient blood bank can levy only processing charging for compatibility testing (cross-matching), in addition to charges levied by the supplier blood bank, from the patient/recipient for such transferred units.

6th Floor, Chandralok Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi - 110001, Telefax : 011-23325331/ 23351700

E-mail : nacoasdg@gmail.com

अपनी एचआईवी अवस्था जानें, निकटतम सरकारी अस्पताल में मुफ्त सलाह व जाँच पाएँ  
Know Your HIV status, go to the nearest Government Hospital for free Voluntary Counselling and Testing

VIII. Records of traceability shall be retained throughout the process.

IX. Supplier blood bank would be responsible for all the complications except for those related to compatibility testing, which will be the responsibility of the recipient blood bank. Recipient blood bank shall report and evaluate all the adverse transfusion reactions, including those happening due to blood that has been transferred from supplier blood bank.

X. Documents accompanying transfer shall include TTI testing report and record of transport in appropriate temperature.

XI. All recipient blood banks are considered deemed approved to act as functional storage centers for blood and blood components, even though the upper limit of 2000 units utilization per annum is not applicable.

XII. All blood banks and storage units be instructed to issue blood to all patients needing transfusion and not restricting blood issue to captive requirements of institution to which they are attached.

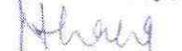
XIII. Blood banks would be informing regarding bulk transfers to SBTC and in case of inter-state bulk transfers to NBTC.

4. The formats for request and issue of bulk transfer of blood are enclosed, and may be followed in the interest of maintaining uniformity of record.

5. I would seek your personal attention towards successful implementation of this policy.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(N.S Kang)

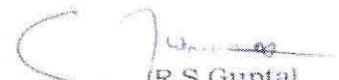
Encl: A/A.

To

All Principal Secretary (H)

Copy to:

1. All Director, Health Services
2. All Project Director State AIDS Control Societies

  
(R S Gupta)  
DDG(BTS)

*o/c*