DATE

Dr. <<DOCTORINITIAL>> <<DOCTORLAST>>

<<ADDRESS1>>

<<ADDRESS2>>

By fax: <<FAX>>

Dear Dr. <<DOCTORLAST>>,

Re: <<PATIENTLAST>>, <<PATIENTFIRST>>

DOB: <<DOB>>

HSN: <<HSN>>

**RE: IVIg Brand Switching for Chronic IVIg Infusion Patients**

You may be aware that the supply of Immunoglobulin (Ig) is constrained world-wide. Canadian Blood Services has informed us that subcutaneous immunoglobulin (SCIg) is in good supply. However, there is continued concern about the future supply of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg), which will be ongoing at least until spring 2022. Therefore, the availability of certain IVIg brands and vial sizes will be limited and will require some patients to switch IVIg brands. National and provincial planning is under way to develop and implement stewardship/conservation strategies and contingency shortage plans.

To ensure an ongoing supply of IVIg, Canadian Blood Services has recently made changes to the brands of IVIg that they carry. Further details are provided in the Customer Letter [CL #2020-50](https://www.blood.ca/sites/default/files/2020-12/CL_2020-50.pdf).

<<PATIENT NAME>> is in a cohort of patients who receive this product on a regular basis and will need to be transitioned to an alternative IVIg brand <<SELECT NEW IVIG BRAND>> by April 2021. The first time << PATIENT NAME >> receives <<SELECT NEW IVIG BRAND>>, the infusion time will need to be extended as slower maximal infusion rates are required while the patient’s tolerance of this new IVIg product is determined.

The supply of SCIg will be more assured in the months ahead compared to that of IVIg, so this is an opportune time to consider whether << PATIENT NAME >> would be a good candidate for transitioning to SCIg.

The attached letter will be sent to << PATIENT NAME >> shortly, so you may get some questions.

Thank you for your attention. My contact information is <<INSERT HERE OR REFER TO HEADER DETAIL>>, should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

TRANSFUSION MEDICINE PHYSICIAN NAME & SIGNATURE

Cc: <<WARD – NAME OF OUTPATIENT INFUSION DEPARTMENT>>