



March 5, 2019

I am writing to inform you that the AABB Center for Patient Safety (CPS) – the AABB component Patient Safety Organization – will be discontinued on April 30, 2019. Access to the CPS online member portal will cease March 31, 2019.

In 2008, when the United States was among the small number of developed nations without a national hemovigilance system, AABB partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to launch the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) hemovigilance module. Since its inception, participation in this system has steadily grown to more than 200 facilities. In parallel with the launch of the CDC NHSN system, AABB established the AABB Center for Patient Safety to provide a legally protected environment in which data could be analyzed by expert staff and volunteers to advance patient safety through research in the field. The successes of the AABB Center for Patient Safety have been many – including the publication of research, the development of educational materials and continued collaboration between CDC and experts in the field. Our collaborative efforts have helped to refine definitions and standard use of the NHSN platform.

Much of the meaningful work that is conducted under the AABB hemovigilance umbrella does not require the protections afforded by the PSO, leading to the decision to discontinue the CPS. Despite this change, AABB continues to work to advance the field of hemovigilance. AABB hemovigilance efforts that are planned to continue include:

- Biovigilance Reporting Platforms – West Nile, Zika, Chagas
- Safe Tables or Safety Huddles will be continued under a new name
- Important research, including the current TACO mitigation study in partnership with the BEST Collaborative
- Establishment of a curated library of transfusion adverse event cases
- Extensive work conducted by the AABB hemovigilance committees and work groups
- In-person and eLearning educational opportunities

AABB appreciates the collaboration of its members that have participated in the AABB Center for Patient Safety throughout the past decade and encourages all facilities to continue to report to the CDC NHSN hemovigilance module. Furthermore, we encourage you to continue the inquiry around the NHSN hemovigilance data. AABB staff can assist you in learning more about how to establish “groups” in the CDC NHSN system where organizations can collaborate using a shared data set.

For those actively reporting data, you should have received the final year-end benchmark reports for 2018. Data that has been contributed to the CDC NHSN platform will continue to reside in that database; however, any supplemental data that was contributed through the AABB Center for Patient Safety portal and any Patient Safety Work Product will be destroyed, in accordance with the participation agreement and Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality rules, when the system is dismantled. If you have provided this supplemental data and would like it returned, please contact AABB by March 31, 2019, so that we can make arrangements to provide you with a secure data transfer.

Please contact [hemovigilance@aabb.org](mailto:hemovigilance@aabb.org) if you have any questions regarding the AABB Center for Patient Safety or AABB’s hemovigilance initiatives.

Best regards,



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