

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES
TEST ANNOUNCEMENT
Neonatal Packed Red Blood Cell (PRBC) Product Selection

May 17, 2021

Effective **IMMEDIATELY**, Meriter Laboratories – Blood Bank will provide only type O packed red blood cell (PRBC) units for all neonatal patients less than four (4) months of age.

Type specific PRBCs will no longer be offered for transfusion of neonatal patients at UnityPoint Health – Meriter.

This change in neonatal product selection aligns with current neonatal transfusion practices at UW Hospital and throughout the UnityPoint Health System.

If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.