





## Memorandum - TMS #75

To: UNC Health Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Clinical Nurse Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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Subject: STX Upgrade March 2024

During the evening of Friday March 15, 2024, the Transfusion Medicine Services' computer system will have a schedule downtime until Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> for a systemwide software upgrade. The exact time frame is unknown but ISD is estimating 24 hours. We plan to provide updates on the Epic opening screen.

During this time, all testing and administrative functions in the TMS will be done manually. All emergency requests and STAT orders will be handled as they normally are, but all other orders might experience a significant delay in turn-around times. BPAM will be functional but require an additional step (See attached picture). No TMS results will be in EPIC during this time but will be entered once the computer system is restored. This will take a significant time to enter all results so please be patient.

Blood blank testing ordering and blood product ordering will still be functional through Epic. Please direct any questions to Dr. Yara Park, medical director of TMS, at 984-974-1780.

### BPAM

Blood Product Administration during the scheduled SafeTraceTx Upgrade downtime will require the **Unit Blood Type** to be scanned. The unit blood type is located in the upper right portion of the blood product sticker. This is an additional step from normal during downtime.

