

# HEALTHCARE

## Blood transfusion

- Tell me about the EDQM's activities in the field of blood transfusion.
- Blood Proficiency Testing Scheme (B-PTS)
  - General information on the Blood Proficiency Testing Scheme (B-PTS)
    - Information related to B-PTS studies
      - What is the B-PTS?
      - Which B-PTS studies does the EDQM organise each year?
      - Who can I contact to get more information on the B-PTS?
      - Where can I find a leaflet on the B-PTS?
    - Participation in the B-PTS
      - Who can participate in the B-PTS?
      - How can I participate?
      - When does the registration phase open?
      - How much does it cost?
    - Shipment of B-PTS panels to participants
      - What is a panel?
      - What is the composition of a panel?
      - Where can I find information about shipments?
      - How are the panels shipped?
      - How many panels can I request?
      - What is an Acknowledgement of Receipt (AoR) form?
    - Experimental phase of B-PTS studies
      - What testing needs to be performed?
      - Can I request additional panels?
  - Specific information related to the results and the statistical analysis of a B-PTS study
    - B-PTS results and statistical analysis
      - How do I submit my results?
      - Are B-PTS results confidential?
      - What do we assess?
      - What constitutes satisfactory performance?
      - When is a laboratory classified as 'satisfactory'?
      - When is a laboratory classified as 'unsatisfactory'?
      - When is a laboratory classified as 'non-evaluable'?
    - Preliminary and final report
      - What is a 'core' sample?
      - What is a 'non-core' sample?
      - How is the decision taken regarding whether a sample is classified as 'core' or 'non-core'?
- My question about the EDQM's Blood Transfusion activities is not in the FAQs – how can I contact the EDQM?

## Organ transplantation

- Tell me about the EDQM's activities in the field of organ transplantation.
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## Melclass Database on the legal classification of medicines as regards their supply

- What does the prescription status of a medicine mean?
- What information is available in the Melclass database?
- How do I access the Melclass database?
- How do I search for recommendations made by the delegates of member states?
- How do I search for the classification of a medicine in a particular country?
- How can I submit comments and/or suggestions on the classification of medicines?
- My question about the Melclass Database is not in the FAQs – how can I contact the EDQM?

## Cosmetic products

## Food contact materials

- Metals and alloys
  - Where can I find European regulations for food contact materials made from metals, such as aluminium packaging?
  - Where can I find the Council of Europe's guidance on metals and alloys used in food contact materials and articles?
  - Does the Council of Europe's guidance on metals and alloys used in food contact materials and articles apply to both coated and uncoated materials?
  - Does the Council of Europe's guidance on metals and alloys used in food contact materials and articles apply to enamelled cookware?
  - Does an article have to comply with specific release limits?
  - How do I test cutlery (knives, forks, spoons etc.)?
- Other food contact materials
  - Where can I find guidance from the Council of Europe on food contact materials such as coatings, paper and board, rubber and silicones?

## European Paediatric Formulary

- [Where can I find more information about the European Paediatric Formulary?](#)