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TO PRESIDENTS AND CEOS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS

Subject: Human tissue supply in Québec – Progress on the rollout of Héma-Québec’s sole distributor mandate

To whom it may concern:

On January 28, 2022, we and the Direction de la biovigilance et de la biologie médicale informed you that the MSSS had granted Héma-Québec a mandate of being the sole distributor of human tissue to the hospital network. An important first step of the mandate is now complete: the inventory of human tissue currently used in these institutions. Through the invaluable contribution of the individuals you designated, we now know the amount and types of human tissue that come from external suppliers. I would like to thank you for your fantastic cooperation.

An analysis of this data revealed that 60% of tissue used in the network is collected and prepared by Héma-Québec, while 40% comes from other suppliers, mainly in the United States.

We are starting our next step, which is to form a committee of consultants representing all surgical specialties. This advisory committee will help us:

- Pinpoint the specific needs of the system and establish which products should be prioritized. This will help Héma-Québec adjust its human tissue procurement strategy, so it meets the system’s needs
- Gain a better understanding of the trends and emerging products that may become necessary, in order to plan for demand and secure supply

Until Héma-Québec takes full control over the supply of human tissue to the health care network in the fall of 2024, we remind you that you must maintain your contracts with your current suppliers and distributors until they expire. In cases where a contract will expire after October 1, 2024, please contact us before signing a new contract or extending an existing one. Also note that formal communications about Héma-Québec's mandate will be conducted with suppliers in spring 2023.

Feel free to share your questions about this mandate with Amélie Boivin, our development lead, at amelie.boivin@hema-quebec.qc.ca.

We are pleased to be working on this project with you.

Sincerely,



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